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A QUADRENNIAL DISPUTE.

THE PROPER LIMITATION OF THE "HOME RULE" SENTIMENT.

AFTER THE RECORDERSHIP.

Col. Knox of Indiana, a Favorite—The Scholarly Robert Terrell—Remarks on the H. C. Smith Embroglio—The Local Literary Season—Respects the Proprieties in the Batson-Bergen Matrimonial Fiasco — Congressman Murray's Plans, Freedmen's Hospital, Col. Perry H. Carson and Other Matters of Interest at the Nation's Capital.

Washington, D. C., Special.

The political situation here presents no new phases. Candidates for anything and everything are thicker than the fabled leaves of Vallambrosia, but no estimate can be placed upon individual chances until the new administration gets in and has time to look about itself a bit. Just now every player in the great game of politics is trying to peer into his neighbor's hand to see what trumps he has and watching the deck keenly to checkmate any attempt to purloin a stray ace or two.

The great question of the hour is the policy of Mr. McKinley with reference to the bestowal of the alleged "purely District Offices." A great deal of unnecessary fuss is being raised in some great quarters over the issue, and the quadrennial howl of "home rule" is going up in every key and with numerous variations. It is significant, however, that the noise is made almost exclusively by local politicians, who are ambitious for themselves or for their immediate friends. It is a matter of little moment to the masses whether the deeds are recorded or wills registered by a Washingtonian or by a pilgrim from Tombstone, Arizona. Their chief concern is to have the work done accurately and expeditiously, under the direction of a citizen of the United States. Your correspondent believes in "home rule" as a general thing, and is in sympathy with all legitimate demands for local administration by bona fide residents. All positions under the District Commissioners are distinctively local, and these should be filled by Washingtonians. Offices within the gift of the president of the United States, suject to confirmation by the Senate, are national and the choice of incumbents lies solely within the Executive's discretion. There are no qualifications for citizenship of the District of Columbia except citizenship of the United States. This is a government reservation. The property of the country at large, and a man with the mud of Nebraska still clinging to his boots, is for all national consideration, as much a citizen here as the oldest inhabitant. This question arises every four years, and is invariably settled by the president doing as he pleases, When he appoints a District man to a national position, he does so as a concession, not as a vested right, as long as Washington is governed on federal lines, as the clearing house or counting room for the whole people, such general offices as are controlled by the President will be distributed without reference to locality. The line of demarkation may be very properly drawn at the commissionerships, and if the marshall, recorder of deeds, registers of wills, warden of jail, etc., are essential to the preservation of the "home rule" idea, some step should be taken to incorporate them under the District plan along with the police and fire departments. There is a point to study about.

The District candidates for recorder of deeds are without exceptions, able and well equipped men of affairs, and from such a list as ex-Senator Bruce, M.M. Holland, Robert H. Terrell, L. C. Bailey and others, it would be difficult to make a mistake. Several white candidates have appeared, with strong backing of local business men, and unless the colored candidates exercise rare political shrewdness by solidifying upon one man, the chance of this office remaining to the race will be greatly endangered. The opinion is freely expressed by experienced leaders here that the Washington Negro's best openings lie in the really local "preserves," such as police judge, collector of taxes, health office, engineer's office, attorneyships in the district courts, inspectors, and of course, numerous clerkships, messengerships and copyist, jobs in the branches under the commissioners. This refers only to the contention relating to "home rule." Other places should be open to the brain and brawn of the entire nation, and success should be cheerfully granted to the most available. "Home rule" is all right, if not meant to cover too much.

COL. KNOX AS A CANDIDATE.

Of the many deserving applicants for Recorder of Deeds from the various states, no one seems to be more generally endorsed than Hon. George L. Knox, of Indiana. The white and colored press, from every section, regardless of political complexion, pay him high compliments, in no uncertain tone, and give unmistakable evidence of sincerity. Col Knox is eulogized as a man of eminent business qualifications, of sterling personal character, a true race representative, and not least in the array of virtues, is given his ardent support of Mr. McKinley from post to finish, and his valuable services to the Republican ticket through eloquent oratory and the widespread circulation of his enterprising paper, The Freeman. He bore the brunt of the fight on the great Indiana battle-ground, and now that victory has crowned the cause he represented. Democrats, Republicans and Populists, white people and black people unite in the demand that his efforts be fittingly recognized. He is well regarded in the District of Columbia. He stands high in the estimation of the Indiana party organization, and it is understood that he has the hearty support of Senator elect Fairbanks and Congressman Overstreet. To whatever honor Col. Knox may be called it may be safely predicted of him that he will fill it with dignity and honor, and his thorough going up-to-date business methods will stir the pride of his Hoosier fellow citizens.

LAWYER TERRELL A SCHOLAR IN POLITICS.

Mr Robert H. Terrell will be one of the first of "the faithful" to be rewarded by the incoming administration. He is a splendid lawyer. well read in international and constitutional problems, and possesses an unusual aptitude for the administration of public affairs. He is a genial gentleman of fine literary attainments, and is perhaps our best local representative of "the scholar in politics." His strong letters to the press during the campaign were masterpieces of Republican argument. Mr. Terrell would shine brilliantly in the State department would make an efficient Treasury Chieftain, or would sustain himself with great credit in any assignment under the Department of Justice. Mr. Terrell will "land"—and on his merits, too.

THE SMITH CASE IN EQUITY.

The agitation over some alleged utterance by Editor Harry C. Smith of the Cleveland Gazette, has gained proportions far in excess of legitimate requirements. The situation summed up demonstrates merely that there are several factions among the Ohio brethren bitterly arrayed against one another This is not surprising in a state so prolific in able ambitious men. The whites are suffering from the same disease—too many big men for the number of places available—and our race cannot escape the results of the natural competitive spirit of humanity. Harry Smith is a young man of marked ability. He has won his spurs by virtue of his own energy, industry, capacity and perseverance. Plucky always, hasty and impulsive some times, those who know him will not credit any statement reflecting upon his patriotism, integrity or race loyalty. Like all aggressive characters, Harry Smith has made enemies. A man who is in no one's way, or who does not arouse jealousies and envy seldom amounts to anything. Smith has had a large share of both praise and blame. He may have his faults and weaknesses, who has not?—but he has excellencies, numerous and active. His heart is in the right place. Those who would injure Harry Smith's promising future must study a different line of tactics than that inspired by fractional and personal grievances. The whole fight seems to be "a tempest in a tea-pot," and the press and outsiders generally should advise our Ohio brethren to settle their quarrels inside the state boundaries.

WASHINGTON'S LITERARY ATTRACTIONS.

The literary season has proven unusually attractive and profitable so far. The popular idea runs toward topics practical and really instructive. Many of the lectures show fine intellectual training, and are the product of deep investigation and broad experience. The presidents have announced that their selection of speakers are governed solely by mental fitness and ability to handle the given subjects in a comprehensive and philosphical manner. For January, President L. M. Hershaw, of Bethel literary, has presented the following: Prof. W. E. B. DuBois, Ph. D., assistant in Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, on "The Spirit of Modern Europe;" Mr. R. W. Thompson, on "Afro-American Journalism;" Prof L. B. Moore, of Howard University, on "The Greek Basis of Education;" and Rev. O. M. Waller, of St. Luke's P. E. church, on "The Relation of Professional Men to Society." For February the speakers will be Profs. J. W. Cromwell, and Kelly Miller, and on the 16th, "Douglass Day" will be observed, the memorial address to be delivered by Dr C. B. Purvis. At the January meeting of St. Luke's Guild, Prof. Hershaw gave an interesting "Statistical View of the Colored People of the District of Columbia." Mr. Robert H. Terrell will address the February meeting on the 18th. Other literary matters will be noticed in our next letter.

BATSON-BERGEN EPISODE A PRIVATE MATTER.

Some newspapers around the country have seen fit to comment upon the unfortunate matrimonial difficulties between Mme. Flora Batson-Bergen and her whilom husband and manager. Mr. J. G. Bergen while the parties concerned are public characters, the people at large know them only in their professional character, and with their private affairs we have nothing to do. Flora Batson is a talented and conscientious artiste, whose musical fame has been honestly won by touching the popular heart. and Mr. Bergen is widely known as an energetic and fair-dealing business man. Whether he or she is to blame for the exposed domestic infelicity and consequent separation is a matter too delicate for general discussion. This case is but one in hundreds of others, which could be profitably let severely alone by the long-tongued gossipers and chronic meddlers who infest our society like vermin, and who disgrace our pretentions to charity and christian benevolence. The bottom facts in the Batson-Bergen episode are nobody's business, and the unhappy affair should be regarded as a "closed incident."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Hon. Tracey L. Jeffords looks like a winner for the United States District Attorneyship. When he names his assistants a great many people will enjoy a surprise The Afro-American will be recognized and the honor will fall upon worthy shoulders.

The occupation of the Cabinet maker has about gone. The colored artisan has given it up as a bad job.

Hon. George H. White, the colored congressman elect from North Carolina, has been in the city looking over the ground.

The office-seeker is headed this way. He will blow in about March 1st. His departure will be governed by circumstances not wholly within his control.

Mrs. Helen Douglass, relict of the late Frederick Douglass, has been awarded her dower one-third in the Douglass estate. The total value of the estate is placed at various figures, from $100,000 down to $40,000.

Lawyer E. M. Hewlett is being vigorously pushed for the judgeship of the Police Court. He should by all means be appointed. He has no superior at the District bar, and is an unflinching defender of his race.

Editor E. E. Cooper, of the Colored American, recently addressed the Ministers Union Association on "How the Pulpit can Aid the Press." Mr. Cooper made out a strong case for the race journal, and from the discussion following it was apparent that a much warmer relation had been established between the two great factors of progress.

The inaugural welcome committee is going ahead with the preparations for the ball. The Commodious Builders Exchange Hall has been secured. The "split-off" of a faction of the 'Bachelor's Club" will not make any difference, and it is probable that a treaty of peace will be ratified long before the 1st of March. The ball will eclipse any social function ever attemped by the colored people of Washington.

Hon. G. W. Murray received the vote of the

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IN SACK-CLOTH AND ASHES

SOCIAL CIRCLES AND LITERARIES GIVE WAY FOR REVIVALS.

THE CURB-STONE POLITICIAN.

The Explosion of the Political Bomb Will Soon be Heard—Great Excitement at Dumas School—Colored Applicant for Office of Appraiser—Child Frightfully Burned—A High-Salaried Electrician—Will Discuss the Sabbath Question—Death of a Wealthy and Well-known Citizen—Rendition of a Pretty Comedy-Drama—Hint to the Society Girl who Uses Slang.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

The Literary Society of the Central Baptist church has been suspended in consequence of revival services which began last Monday night. Many unconverted stood up for prayer. Rev. Cohron is a very earnest worker and simplifies to a great extent the mode of obtaining religion, and it is hoped that during the present season many will be added to the church. Young men and women, accept the Savior while he is waiting to receive you, and bear in mind that with Christ each sorrow has its pleasure, but without Christ, each pleasure has its sorrow. The Freeman earnestly hopes that those who have stood up asking for prayers will shortly acknowledge Christ and become shining lights in the church.

Dr. W. P. I. Jones, the oldest physician west of the Mississippi river has removed, and is now located at 2304 Morgan street. The doctor has a lucrative practice and a happy little family. Mrs. Jones is very entertaining, and a few words from her lips, makes of one a life long friend.

The Epworth League of Elliott Avenue M. E. church had a very interesting program last Wednesday evening. A paper by Mr. Ingrham, a law student, on "Separate Coach Law and Colored Institutions in General," was very creditable. A well known gentleman, who is a member of that league, should throw aside the pride he has in his voice and take a back seat, for his arguments are so poor that it would take a Philadelphia lawyer to unravel what he tries to express. A good voice is not the only essential requisite for an orator; there must be some brains behind it. This essential our so-called St. Louis orators lacks. Therefore, gentlemen, cultivate the mind before taking the platform, for you are not only open to criticisms, but to ridicule.

Extreme excitement prevailed in room No. 6, of the Dumas school one day last week, caused by a pupil falling in a swoon from the overheated condition of the building.

Revival services are being held at all the churches. Rev. H. W. Smith, D. D., of St. Johns A. M. E. Zion church is laboring very hard, preaching each evening of the week and twice on Sundays. One candidate was baptized by him last Sunday morning. Bishop G. W. Clinton will be in the city during the month of February en route to California, and will be entertained by the Washington and St. Johns A. M. E. Zion churches.

Lemuel Allen is very sick, and is not expected to recover. He has the sympathy of his many friends.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Zion church in South St. Louis is very ably presided over by its courteous president, Mrs. Lydia E. Lee.

Rev. Henry W. Smith is an applicant for the office of appraiser at the Port of St. Louis. He has our indorsement, and trust that he will receive it.

The literary society of North St. Louis met last Thursday for the purpose of reorganization and appointed Wm. Purcell, W. L. Rankins, and Wm. Green as committee on constitution and by-laws. The society has never had anything to govern it heretofore, and this new departure is hailed with delight.

J. Dumas, an ex-merchant of Greenville, Miss., has returned from that place where he went to visit friends.

Miss Jennie Mack, No. 2, North Beaumont street, has been very sick, in consequence of which she could not attend the last week of the Normal session at school. She is now convalescent, and it is hoped that she will soon be out again.

Bessie Lewis, a six-year-old child, was probably fatally burned last Thursday at 1320 Wash street by her clothing catching fire from a grate. The child s parents are separated and her mother who is compelled to work out for a livelihood, had her boarding with a woman named Turner. The child was left alone in a room, and in trying to get a pin from the mantel her dress caught fire.

E. W. Newsome, city editor of the Expositor dropped into our office one day last week, and congratulated The Freeman on its success. The representatives of the Expositor and American Eagle are making a clean canvass, and its staff is composed of gentlemen whose reputation are of the highest standard.

Dudley Russell of the Boatmen's Bank, is a regular visitor at our office, and is an advocate of our paper. He pronounces it as being the newsiest, spiciest and best literary journal of the race. He is a scholar and appreciates a good thing when he sees it.

Alvia Curtis is one of the highest salaried colored men in the city of St. Louis. As chief electrician of the Missouri Electric Light and

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NEGRO PEACE GUARDIANS!

SOMETHING ABOUT HIM IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

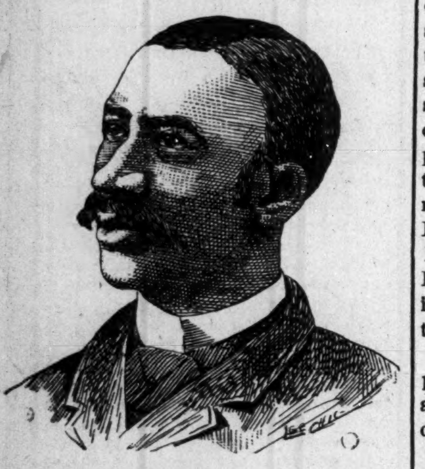
Thornton, the Hoosier Detective, is Dreaded by Crooks—Northern Cities that Have Dark-Skinned Men on their Police Force.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer.

A colored man was recently added to the police force in New York City, being the first of his race to be thus honored in the metropolis. It seems rather remarkable that the metropolis of the country with its large colored population has not had policemen of that race long ago.

In the Cincinnati police department there are 12 colored men. Two are doing detective duty, four are station-house keepers and the other six are patrolmen. Notwithstanding the fact that there are 12 colored men in the police department, leaders in the race recently held an indignation meeting, it being claimed that Negroes were being discriminated against in the examinations of applicants for positions in the department. This charge appears groundless, however, because a colored man was admitted to the force only the other day.

According to the police authorities, colored officers are among the most efficient. They have on several occasions shown their merit. Many of the officers have records for bravery as well as the display of great ability while engaged in the occupation of thief catching. They do particularly effective detective work among members of their own race, and are indispensable on this account. Colored officers are often subjected to insults from drunken white prisoners, but they simply do their duty and pay as little attention as possible to what is said of them. This is good policy, for about 50 per cent of drunken people arrested accuse the arrresting officer of abusing them, no matter what their color may be. There are instances on record where colored officers have been assaulted by white thugs on beats in the suburbs and badly beaten. Of late, however, the colored officers have been so placed by Colonel Deitsch that there has been no trouble from people who are prejudiced against colored policemen.



DETECTIVE BENJ. THORNTON.

Probably the best known colored officer in Cincinnati is Henry H. Jones. He has been in the service since June 8, 1887. Prior to that time he was a coachman. Jones ran a beat for a number of years, and then he was made a special officer. During the past few months, however, he has been doing detective duty. He was once known among the bluecoats as "Pound Cake" Jones, but that sobriquet has been dropped, and Henry is probably glad of it. It will do no harm, though to tell how Jones came by the odd nickname mentioned. Several years ago he went to arrest a colored preacher who was badly wanted. When Jones politely told the minister that he would have to arrest him, the latter said he was willing to accompany the officer, but he asked permission to go upstairs to his room and change his attire. Henry at once agreed to let the preacher put on new raiment, and he sat downstairs waiting. Before Jones had time to get weary, however, some one else in the house gave him some pound cake and liquid refreshments. Jones ate the cake and sipped the angelica wine. Then he became solicitous about the preacher. He was assured that Brother So and So would be down directly, but he concluded to go up stairs and make an investigation on his own account. He did so, and found that the minister had flown through a rear second story window and climbed down over a shed and got away. Henry subsequently got his man, but he was known for a long time after that episode as "Pound Cake" Jones.

On another occasion Jones arrested a preacher in Avondale who was wanted on extradition papers in another state. When Jones entered the church and took a front seat the preacher recognized him and tried to get away. It was a Baptist church and there was a pit in the rear of the church used for baptismal purposes. Into this tank the minister jumped, but Jones was not to be baffled and he "fished" out the man of the Lord and with the assistance of reinforcements took him to the station house. Besides being a shrewd fellow Jones is doubtless one of the most powerful men in the police department. He is tall and well proportioned. Not long ago a man raised a big club to hit Henry on the head, but the blow was never delivered because Henry protected himself by knocking the fellow through a plate glass window. Jones is not impulsive and will not use force unless it is absolutely necessary. He has the record of being a good officer. Jones is married and lives with his family on Walnut Hills.

James A. Allen, the well known colored detective, went on the police force June 9, 1886. Before that time he was a coachman in the employ of Col. Robt. J. Morgan, President of the Board of Police Commissioners. Allen has done good work since he has been connected with the force. He is usually detailed on cases in which members of his own race are involved. Allen has been in the police department longer than any other colored member. Other colored men who have distinguished themselves on the police force are John Sampers, Harry Spurlock, Luther D. Brooks, David C. Ragland and Richard O. Reed. There are four station house keepers connected with the local department. They are John Berry, Scott Calmeese, Granville Pease and Henry Underwood.

In other cities throughout the country colored men act as detectives and policemen.

One of the best known colored officers in the United States is Detective Ben Thornton, of Indianapolis. Thornton has been identified with the Police Department of the Hoosier capital for the past quarter of a century, and no man in that city is more dreaded by professional crooks who tour the country. Thornton frequently comes to this city after prisoners who are wanted at Indianapolis. He is known to detectives in all cities of the first class in the country.

In Chicago there are 27 colored men among the bluecoats, and the number has been increasing since the adoption of civil service examinations for admission to the force. Each examination in the Windy City of applications for positions in the police department resulted in the addition of one or more colored men to the force—men who prove by fair and open competition their superiority to competing white men. The largest man in the Chicago Police Department is a colored man. His name is Washington S. Haskins. He is not far from seven feet high, and is splendidly built, being well proportioned.

One colored member of the Chicago police force makes it a rule never to arrest a white man for disorderly conduct. When he sees a white man who he thinks should be arrested on that charge he calls the attention of another policeman in order that the offender may be arrested by one of his own color. If a white man be a thief or a pickpocket and he is caught red-handed by the colored officer in question, the color makes no difference. Probably the best known colored officer in Chicago is Alexander Rohan, who lost an arm one night while chasing car thieves. Rohan was chasing thieves in a suburb of Chicago one night when he fell on a railroad track and a train passed over one of his arms, necessitating the amputation of the member.

Wilson A. Jones, a colored detective of Chicago, was formerly a minister of the gospel, which position he resigned to go on the police force. Even as a policeman he has not forgotten the habits and manner he acquired when he expounded the texts in the "good book." He always gives his evidence in court as if he were in a church, using the old-fashioned phraseology of the Bible, declaring that this or that criminal "wandered from the straight and narrow path," on such and such a date. Frequently he improves the opportunity to exhort sinners to repentance. While acting as a detective he often attempts to convert the criminals whom he may meet. Not only this, but he consoles the sick and dying, praying with them when necessary, combining in unique fashion the duties of preacher and detective.

Chicago was probably the first large city in the country to appoint colored men to positions on the police force. The first colored man to be thus honored was Rhodney Long, who got his appointment in 1876. Long's appointment created a sensation at the time. It was a decided innovation. Before that time there were no colored men on the police force in any of the big cities. In 1881, Philadelphia recognized colored men as available for the position as a policemen. Boston followed suit in 1884. Since then most of the large cities of the North, with large colored populations, have had colored men on the force from time to time, New York being one of the last to fall into line.

Palace Sleeping Cars

From Lake Michigan to the Potomac, a new line of Pullman Sleepers between, Chicago, Washington D. C. & Baltimore, via the "Queen City." Commencing January 24th., the C. H. & D. Ry. and Monon Route, in connection with the B. & O. & B. & O. S. W. Railways, will operate a line of Pullman Sleepers between Chicago and Baltimore via Cincinnati and Washington City. The schedule will be as follows: Leave Chicago, 2:45, a. m; Indianapolis, 7:55; a. m. Cinn, 12:05 noon. Arrive Washington, D. C., 6:47; a. m; Baltimore, 7:55 a m. Returning the sleeper will leave Baltimore 11:00 a. m; Washington, D. C, 12:00 noon. Cincinnati, 3:30 a. m; Indianapolis, 7·00 a. m. Arrive Chicago 12:00 noon. e sleepers are of the latest Pullman pattern, equal to any running on any line. D. G Edwards,
Passenger Traffic Manager C. H. & D. Ry. Co.

THE NEED OF REFORMATION

WE, AS A RACE, NEED TO LIVE MORE SYSTEMATICALLY.

We Need to Reform and to Get Close Together if we Love Ourselves and Expect to Enjoy any Prosperity of Our Race—Faults Reviewed.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Please allow me space in your most valuable paper to say a few words to the many readers of The Freeman. Reformation is called for so very much with the Afro-Americans that every eye of intelligence, every scientific, cultivated brain of the Negro race are forced to turn their sight and thought upon this subject. We must remember while a child we act as a child, but when a man, we put away childish things and act as a man. The youngest ex slave of the Afro-American is over 34 years old. And we, as a race of 34 years freedom, indeed we need to live more in unison, more economical, more systematically and more disciplinized, to achieve the power of a united race. Here we see that we must need to to reform, to get closer together, if we love ourselves and expect to enjoy any prosperity of our race. One quarter century has past and now we are nine years in the second quarter century of our freedom. To build our own national glory, to shape our own manhood, to bring about our own racial eminence and prosperity. Now to ever reach this climax, we must reform to some extent. We drift too very much in one channel of occupation, of idleness and of class, etc. We need to reform from this state of affairs.

We need more occupations than following beck making cotton, or all day and midnight preaching. We need to converse more than scripture argument, neighborhood scandals or always saying brother and sister, and what God has done for me. Yea, we need to reform and do something for ourselves as a race theory. We should not depend upon the white man and God of heaven to carry out all of our business of life. Let us make respectable and paying business of our own, and then sustain it in every department of life.

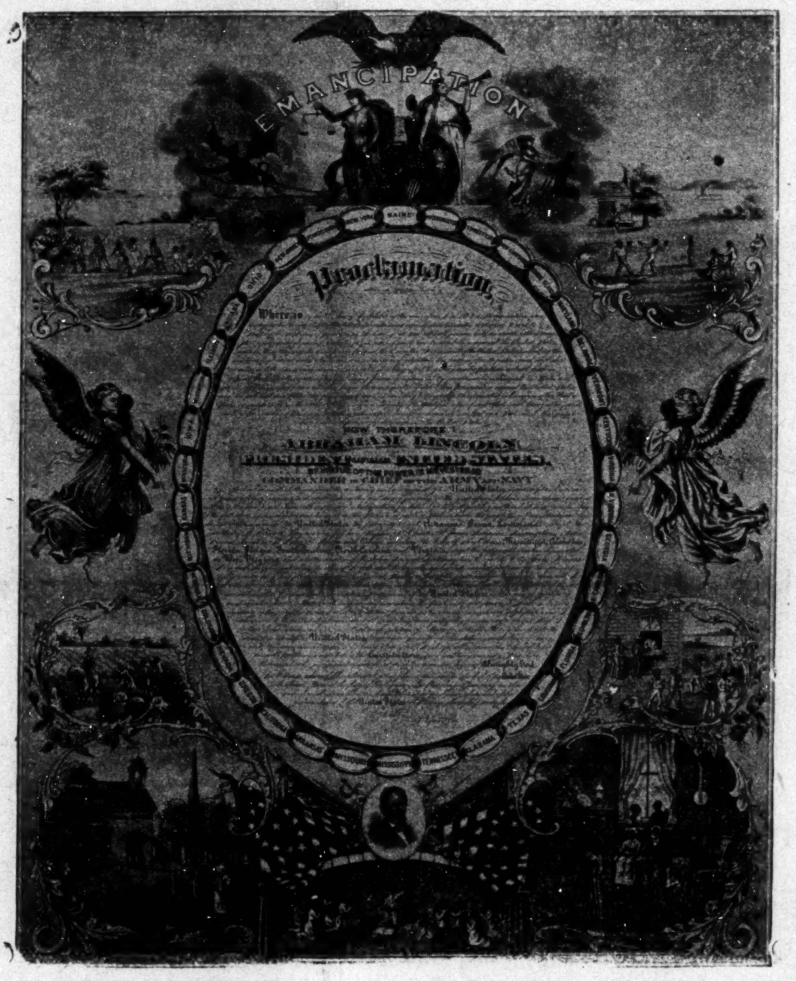
We must learn to love every drop of blood of the Afro-American descent known. Be for your race and love none other better. If we are found to love other races better than our own race, it is then known that we are traitors and not trustworthy nowise. Let us come to the front and make business in every capacity of life. Educate, moralize, purify society and classify. When this is being done, this race will grow to eminence and nobility. Yea, she then will be acknowledged by all other races. In the great name of the Deity, I trust that my child and my brother in black's child shall witness the climax and grandeur of a high tower of this race, while we can only hope to be pioneers.

In opening up the avenue of prosperity of the Ethiopian race, we need the gigantic hand of every Ethiopian son and daughter to roll away the stumbling stone of hindrance. We need more and more men and women equalizing Dr. J. M. Henderson, Prof. Booker T. Washington, Geo. L. Knox, Dr. Majors, Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Alice Ruth Moore, and also The Freeman needs to be read in every colored family in the United States to enthuse every indolent mind to the aspiration of the up building of our people. Oh yes, there is something for everyone, from childhood to decrepit age, to do. The school boy, matter your studies well that they may be the introductory t your benefaction of life. The school girl, apply yourself amiable to the institution of learning that you may demand respect and converse with the wise, and also participate in the high circle of life. Young gent, apply to morals and business character that you may lead a business and happy life for yourself and for those with whom you may be connected. Young lady, apply to true morals and pure societies, that your station may be high and thereby find a worthy companion to guarantee your future happiness. Eligible man, go forward, as you may be trustworthy, and do not abuse the liberties and chances of fortunes with you, but make well of them and be a benefactor in your country and in your family. Desirable woman, who is the fundamental basis and sources of the happiness and glory of our homes, countries and governments, ever touch the key note of perfection to the man's joy, who may be blended in life's short journey to share equal in the fortune that may attend both family and the race.

When we do reform, then our race troubles will have an end. Hence, let us freely support our professional men and women in business, and learn to place confidence in ourselves above all things. Rejoice at the success and high demands of any lady or gentleman known among the African race. Forget not the sublime motto: "United we stand, divided we fall."

G. W. McNiece, M. D.

Menifee, Ark.



FAC SIMILE OF ORIGINAL REDUCED TO ONE-FORTIETH OF STANDARD SIZE.

The above is a representation of the beautiful Illustrated Emancipation Proclamation. This work of art is 22 by 28 inches and would be an ornament in any home. Any one who is not a subscriber to The Freeman can secure this picture for $1.00. Premium offer: We will send the Proclamation free with a year's subscription to The Freeman for $1.50. Given free with a club of two yearly subscribers at $1.50 each, including a premium with each subscription. Write for special terms to agents.

Economy of Waiters.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

If the waiters who are clever enough to earn a respectable income were also wise enough to save even a small part of it, there would be fewer examples of penniless elderly waiters dependent upon charitable friends for the sustenance they can no longer earn. As a rule, the larger salary a man earns the more extravagantly he spends it, and the more likely he is to be unprepared for hard times. There are a few suggestions which I would like to offer to all such waiters, and which they would do well to observe with as stringent regularity as they should their daily habits in the matter of eating and sleeping.

It is, perhaps, the metropolitan knight of the napkin, who is the most apt to let his money slip through his fingers, and to them especially I would say, save at least half your earnings. They should do even better than this. Waiters who make from $15 to $20 a month, will no doubt find this a difficult task, especially in large cities. However, those who receive from $25 to $35 per month, should practice this much economy. They could save $12.50 or $17.50 at this ratio, to say nothing of the extra dollars that a waiter is sure to earn during the month, of which half could also be laid away. This is, of course, assuming that these waiters are willing to pay moderate prices for clothing. In the waiter's profession it is absolutely necessary to appear well-dressed, but this can not be done if we squander our money foolishly. This suggestion is not only applicable to waiters, but to every class of working people. J. Henry Harrod, Caterer.

Niles, Mich.

Change of Time.

On the new change of time, which took effect November 22nd, train No. 12 on the C. H. & D. Ry., which leaves Cincinnati at 9:20 p. m. arrives in Detroit 6:15 a. m., but passengers are allowed to remain in the sleeper until 7:00 o'clock.

Free Cure For Men.

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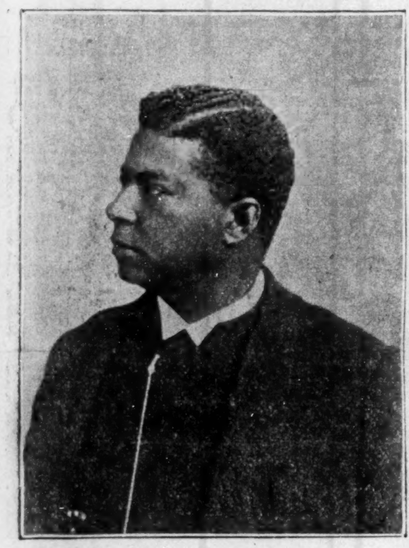
His Book, "Sacred Dynamite on Baptism," Has Caused Wide-spread Attention—His Prominence in the Mystic Circles.

The subject of this sketch reminds one of the reference made by the Apostle Paul, in saying: "We want young men because they are strong" Rev. Lampton, thoughtless than two score, has been faithfully serving his people more than twenty years. His love for the ministry may be in part hereditary, as his grandfather was the well known A. M. E. Divine, Rev. Edward Wilkerson Jones, of Bowling Green, Ky.. and his father, Albert R. Lampton, was a christian gentleman in every sense of the word. While we do not say that Rev. Lampton was reared in luxury in a way to be spoiled, as many boys of well-to-do parents are, but he was given all the pleasures of home comforts, as well as good school advantage. When quite a boy, he connected himself with the church and began his study for the ministry. He was highly recommended by Presiding Elder King David Brown as a moral and courageous christian gentleman, and the recommendation was indorsed by that invincible prelate Bishop T. M. D. Ward, D. D., who knew him and his parents in Bowling Green, Ky. After standing the usual required examination he was admitted and ordained a deacon at Greenville, Miss., in which city he is now located. At the eighth session of the North Mississippi Conference, held in Yazoo City, he was ordained an elder by Bishop Ward, assisted by Dr. T. W. Stringer Revs. K. D. Brown, L. M. Mitchell, E. R. Carter and H. B. Parks. His integrity together with earnest efforts in the cause of right and justice, has won for him the confidence of the people. He has received every honor in the gift of his conference. He is fearless in speech, but in no way imposing, and is justly called a leader of his people. His book, "Sacred Dynamite on Baptism" has a wide spread reputation throughout the state of Mississippi, and has attracted considerable attention in other states. Rev. Lampton is now Presiding Elder of the Greenville District and Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Mississippi. He was first elected to this latter position at Jackson, Miss., 1894, and the fact that he is now serving his third term as Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of his state, is an incontrovertible proof of his fitness for the position.



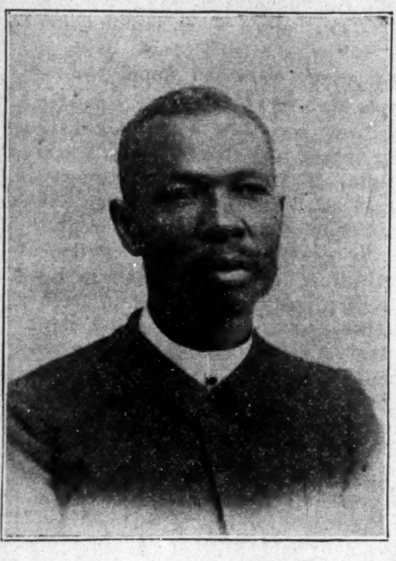
REV. E. W. LAMPTON.

Educationally speaking, he is one of the strongest advocates of higher education for his race, and his indefatigable efforts in this direction has been of inestimable value to his domination in Mississippi. Rev. Lampton is blessed with an intelligent, pious wife, a woman who lives for the good she can do. His home is further made happy by two brilliant daughters, now in their teens, the eldest being a pianist of high repute, besides two little girls, one of four summers, the other less than two years, all showing marks of culture and religious training. He also teaches the mode of living by example, as he owns a beautiful home on Theobald avenue, which is well furnished, besides he own fine lands in the Delta which are now in cultivation and yield to him an excellent income.

REV. G. W. GAYLES, D. D.

A Prominent Figure in Religious and Political Circles in Mississippi.

One of the most prominent figures in religion and politics in the state of Mississippi, is the subject of this sketch, Rev. G. W. Gayles, D. D. He was born in Wilkerson county, Miss., June 29, 1844, and connected himself with the church when quite young. Having a love for the ministry, he was given local license to preach September, 1867, and Nov. 4th, 1867, he was ordained a deacon, and began his work in Bolivar county, Miss., by organizing the Kindling Altar Baptist church at East Fork, which he is now pastoring. The following are the names of the churches he has organized and is still pastoring: Kindling Altar, Morning Star, New Hope and First Baptist church of Greenville, Miss. Rev. Gayles has held with satisfaction all the important offices in his church. He was General Missionary for seven years, and in July, 1876, he was elected president of the Baptist State convention, and served in that capacity up to July, 1893, when he tendered his resignation. Rev. Gayles is now business manager for the Baptist Preachers' Union, a religious journal published in Greenville, Miss. About his political career a great deal could be said, for he was the last member of his race to serve in the Mississippi State Senate. He was a member of the Mississippi legislature eight years, and a member of the State Senate ten years, and served in these positions with credit to himself and to his race. He was a delegate to the convention which nominated General Jas. A. Garfield for President. As a parliamentarian, Rev. Gayles ranks among the ablest in the land. He is highly respected by his associates and all classes delight to treat him with respect. He has educated all of his children, and is now striving to help educate others of his race.



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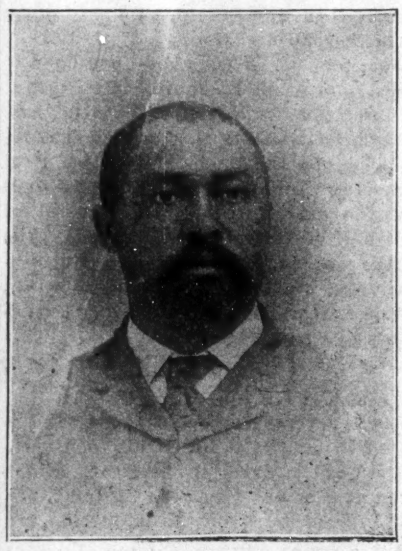
REV. N. L. LACKEY.

A Man Endowed with True Manhood and Ability—His Career.

The subject of this sketch was born in Brookville, Knoxubee County, Miss., Feb. 15th, 1857. He began his educational training when quite young, being only six years of age when he first entered school. Young Lackey was an ambitious youth from the beginning of his early career, and has never sacrificed his manhood under any condition. At one time in his early life, his mother apprenticed him to a blacksmith, and not liking the harsh treatment received at the hands of his master, he left him and started out in life on his own merit. Shortly afterwards he became a skilled mechanic, but not being satisfied with that attainment, he drifted into the mercantile business, and for thirteen successive years he was a successful merchant. At seventeen years of age he was united in the wholly bonds of wedlock, to Miss Elizabeth Strong, an amiable young lady of Aberdeen, Miss. Since their marriage they have been blessed with two children, who are now making their marks as professional teachers. Rev. Lackey connected himself with the church when quite young and in 1887, feeling that the master had called him to help preach His word to every creature, he joined the itinerant ranks of the A. M. E. Z. church, but is now connected with the M. E. church, Upper, Miss., Conference. While Rev. Lackey has been actively engaged in the ministerial work, he has never lost sight of the old adage, "Self preservation is the first law of nature," for he now pays taxes on $4,000 worth of property. He is a great lover of Afro-American newspapers, and it is mainly through his influence that The Freeman is so well represented in Greenwood, Miss. Rev. Lackey is altogehter in an ideal gentleman, and a worthy example for the youths of his race to emulate.



REV. N. L. LACKEY.

Birth Place Not a Factor.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

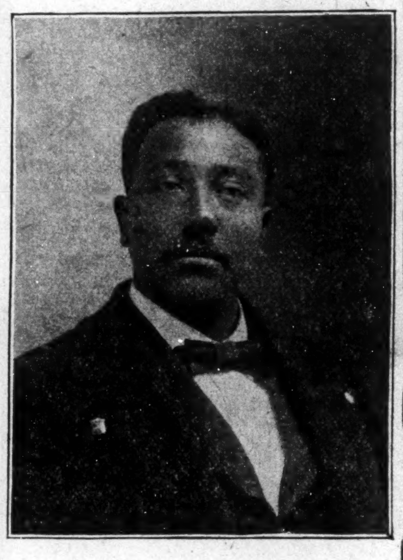
The location of birth, in fact, birth itself, is an accident the child could not prevent, and hence in after years has no logical grounds to be inflated with pride or dejected with regrets. The child is only responsible for the aftermath of manhood' It is therefore with the deepest regret I notice that Dr. M. A. Majors and Rev. J. G. Robinson have re-opened the debate as to the greatest greatness of the Northern or Southern born Negro The master mind is not an exotic plant; it is found in all parts of our common country; from Maine to Texas, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, here and there you will find, often born in some humble cottage a master mind; a pioneer of progrss, a defender of the weak, an advocate of truth, a general battling for right; a teacher or leader. The master mind is not a rare specimen of Europe American growth. It has been found since and in fact before, the revolution, among the Afro-Americans of this country. Since the creation of man, when wrongs demanded resistance; when the weak needed the arm of the strong; when the poor needed the aid of the rich; when the sorrowful needed words of cheer from the happy; when the pessimist needed the foresight of the optimist; when the soldier needed a general; when the bondman needed an emancipator or freedom a pioneer when the hour arrived the man or woman was there. The hour of deep concern to the American Negro has come, the master Negro men should be here, it matters not where they first saw the light. What matter if they were free born in the North or freeborn in the South? What matter if these leaders to a better and brighter future were slave born? What matter if they are full blooded Negroes or only one half, one eighth or one sixteenth? So long as they are capable of solving the "Negro Problem," and leading us to a brighter future—away with the contention about birth place. Neither honor or shame arise from conditions we didn't make. Let this foolish debate end; let us, who are leaders, ministers, teachers and editors. Self-appointing ones and those called are appointed by the people—stop this fighting ourselves and fight for the advancement of the race; let us be men.

AUGUSTUS M. HODGES.

CLEM W. WILSON.

A Leading Light in Secret Societies in Greenville, Miss.—A Business Man.

In Clinton, Miss., on the 6th day of December, 1866, was born Clem W. Wilson, who spent the first twelve years of his life in going to school and assisting his father about the farm. Early in October, 1878, he left his happy home at Clinton and came to his present home of Greenville, Miss., where he has lived ever since. On July 3, '83, he was initiated in the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has been up to this date, an active member. He has held many important offices in the above named lodge, including: E. S., from there to V. G., to N. G., P. N. G. and P. S. These positions he held for three consecutive years, and is now acting P. N. F. In 1892 he and H. H. Hancey resurrected the Knights of Pythias lodge No. 4, and he was elected Vice Chancellor, After serving one term, was elected Chancellor Commander, in which office he served for two consecutive terms. At Port Gibson, on July 6th, he was elected Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge, and on the same day was elected to the position of Grand Master-at-arms and Deputy Grand Chancellor. On the recommendation of Supreme Grand Chancellor, Jas. C. Ross, he was appointed District Deputy Worthy Chancellor for the state of Mississippi by Supreme Worthy Chancellor, J. L. Tuggle. On Oct. 5, '95, he was initiated in the fraternity of Masons, Greenville Lodge No. 96, and has up to date, been an active member of the same. On the 1st of August, 1895, he was initiated in the K. of H. Lodge No. 30, and was elected treasurer of the order for one term and afterwards elected to the office of Assistant Dictator. He served all these various orders with credit and honor. The subject of this sketch is an "all-around business man," for besides being connected with all the leading secret societies in Greenville, he is doing a grocery business that will compare favorably with any in the city. Mr. Wilson is a young man of only 30 years of age, and one who works for the interest of his race.



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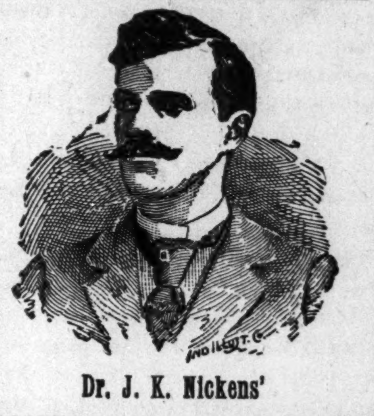

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No. 96. **The Haunted Man.** By Dickens.

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HARRIET BEECHER-STOWE MONUMENT.

It seems that Rev. Chas. E. Stowe, son of Harriet Beecher-Stowe, does not take to the idea of anything in the way of a monument constructed by general contribution by the admirers of his illustrious mother. He reserves that right to his sister and himself it appears. He thinks that a Harriet Beecher-Stowe Scholarship in some of the principal schools of the country would be in keeping with her simple tastes. He speaks of a monument as a very ugly affair, "brazen monstrosity, scowling the unfortunate beholder out of countenance from its ugly granite pedestal." We do not urge a quarrel with her son Charles, but he is evidently a confirmed cynic, and that is what his mother never was. No one will accept the statement that a monument is a hideous affair. He evidently means well to the memory of his mother when he holds that no substantial thing can to his mind, stand for the object memoralized. We can well see how such a feeling could exist. "Touch not the sainted dead." But they are the private and special sentiments peculiar to some people, but the world prefers to testify its appreciation in no uncertain way. Besides it is often. that the memories of great individuals exceed the bounds of family jurisdiction. The very description of a monument given goes very far in establishing the fact that Rev. Stowe feels the impossibility of the thing to do what it attempts or an utter abhorrence of one of the most ancient forms of passing chronicled events along the corridors of time. Beauty is subjective. The statement the that granite pedestal would be hideously mocking, may be in keeping with the consideration for his mother, but otherwise it is utterly void of sense. The world knows better. To be embodied in stone is the highest consideration man pays to mankind. The sculptor's art is the most noted of them all. There is no reason for the barbarous expressions outside of the tender regard he desired to exhibit for his most amed mother.

THE CIGARETTE MUST GO.

From all appearances the fiendish little cigarette must go. There are many bills before the legislature of the state that bid fair to oust the tiny pest. There has always been something ultra-mannish about the little affair that immediately tabooed it from the association of the more manly cigar. Yet there were, and are many who are wedded to their idols that hail the advent of the cigarette as a blessing in the way of a "small" smoke. There were others, boys and a few ladies (?) who took to the habit, owing to the "devil-may-care" air it gave them. However, the concensus of opinion is that it is enfeebling, inervating and undermining. Teachers in the public school say that a pupil that smoke cigarettes can not tell the truth. It seems to be the general conclusion that cigarette smoking is demoralizing One can not deny the detoning effect even were the supposed injury chimerical. That is to say, a full grown man is ashamed to be seen with one. He apologizes on the spot if discovcovered with one. He would not, if he could help it, be found dead with one on him. A boy who smokes them does it, if in public, with an air of defiance that is purely assumed. It is under ban and there exist but small doubt as to its speedy excommunication. This state will join the number that will dislodge the ubiquitons little institution.

The street railway company of this city, is coming in for a good deal of needed attention at this time. The objections against the company are well urged as a rule. It is quite an advantage to have the monopoly of the streets of a city by any corporation, without offering something in return for the immense concession. No corporation that operates a business that comes so nearly being a public affair, should be granted a franchise even for considerable remuneration, for long periods at a time. The chances are that the public interest would suffer when the interest of the city rubbed too close to the interest of the corporations. Therefore, safeguards should be thrown around the city's interest. It is safe to say that they are not in the business as a matter of love.

The following verse is from a little poem (?) reprinted in the Leavenworth Herald:

Perhaps the past
Was all too sweet to last;
How can I know,
When it so quick did go!

Mr. Fortune in the last line of this little attempt you have, "When it so quick did go!" now presuming that you were in earnest when you labeled this a poem, and further, if it has not been mutilated in the Leavenworth shop, we mean to take you to task concerning it. We suppose that you know that "quick" modifies "go." You should know that "quick" is an adjective, and that adjectives do not modify verbs. You should have said "quickly." You may enter the plea of poetical license, but you must understand that one man has no more liberty with the language than the other. You may sit.

In the school contention The Freeman thinks that the schools conducted as they are, can have but little complaint lodged against them. It does not feel that children of tender age should be subjected to hardships by going extremely long distances. It is for the colored teacher simply because her chances of employment is as one to a thousand in other fields. It believes that they should come up to the requirements. It feels that when the color line begins to fade away otherwise, it is then time fer the race to cut off its resources.

The story is again revived that Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Lincoln, is living in the person of Signor Enos, the great South American actor. The story is well told and evenly connected, but no better than a thousand stories published in the monthly magazines. To hold that the story is remarkably told, counts for nothing if the living accredited participants do not speak. We imagine that Wilkes Booth is dead enough. It will take the most convincing proof to set the world to thinking otherwise.

It is stated that Gov. Bradley, of the state of Kentucky, will call the legislature of that state for an extra session in order to have it take action by which mob violence may be suppressed. The wisdom of such a course needs no commenting on. Other states should rapidly follow the movement, at least in order to put themselves on record as opposed in principle to the mob idea, which threatens, at this time, to usurp the functions of the courts.

We are under obligation to Mr. Troy Porter, of Paris, for remembering the office by way of a beautiful calender artistically gotten up, which is wholly in keeping with Mr. Porter's ideas.

Tomlinson hall has gone to the dogs—a dog show is there this week.

MY ENEMY.

I have an enemy. And shall he be
A useless thorn to vex and worry me?
A dominant discord in life's perfect strain,
Marring my dreams, turning my joy to pain,
Molding my life to his malicious whim?
Shall he be lord of me, or I of him?

A bitter stream may turn the mill wheel round;
A thorny tree may burn to heat and light;
And out of shameful wrong may spring the flower
Of perfect right.

So from my enemy I may demand
A priceless tribute of perpetual good;
And lead him captive at my chariot wheels
In royal mood.

Because my enemy hath cunning ears,
That listen hourly for my idle speech,
My words shall flow in wise and measured way
Beyond his carping reach.

Because my enemy hath eyes that watch
With sleepless malice while I come and go,
My days shall own no act I would not wish
The world to know.

Because my enemy doth hourly wield
Some subtle snare to trip me every day,
My feet shall never for one moment leave
The straight and narrow way.

Because my enemy doth hate me sore,
I fix my gaze beyond him and above,
And lift, as shield to all his fiery darts,
A heart of love.

And of my enemy I thus shall make
A beacon light to light me to my goal—
A faithful guardian of my house of life—
A spur and whip to urge my laggard soul;
And tho' our strife may never have an end,
I yet might call this enemy my friend.

—[Eliza C. Hall in the Independent.

The above poem is worthy of close perusal. When your heart is bowed down by the weight of the enemies calumnies, who are determined to spit you on the pike or break you on the wheel, it perchance has never occurred to you that his viciously agile machinations might be turned to account. "Shall my enemy be a useless thorn to vex and worry me? A dominant discord in life's perfect strain." The beautiful philosophy that oscillates between stoicism and christianity taught by the poem is filled with great truths. "Shall he be lord of me, or I of him?" Kere stands an inquiry big with significance, and yet it is clear enough that it all depends on how you wear your enemy. The world and your enemy should be worn as one vast amphitheater, in the center of which is located your sphere of action, bearing in mind that the trained glasses of the malevolently disposed are bearing down on you, peering to your heart's core. The enemy's cunning should wait in vain for your idle speech. "My words shall flow in wise and measured way, beyond his carping reach." The vigilant eye eliminated of its mildish aspect, should not center its hideous glare and stare—feverish burning balls, on a single action that would feed its insatiability. "My days shall own no act that I would not wish the world to know." The attempt to undermine the pathway, roses bestrewn, that, ere you are aware, engulf you in some horrible pit of perplexities, should prove abortive. "My feet shall never for one moment leave the straight and narrow way." We may philosophically conclude by saying that after all, your enemies are but blessings in disguise. His intrigues to impale you are but so many steeled guerdons encompassing you about, or to put it more truly, serve as swift, mercurial monitors, tell tale messengers of approaching destruction. "A spur and a whip to urge my laggard soul." Then in the language of the little poem of the heart, may we not call the enemy a friend? Why not? "What boots it though he plans my destruction, yet be the means of my escape?" The enemy may not be hailed as blessed, his heart may be the lodgment of rancorous hate or the abode of gangrened jealousy, yet in spite of the determination to sacrifice you, he is your friend, although he saves you against himself.

The selection of Lyman J. Gage for Secretary of the Treasury, a broad minded business man of Chicago, points to the fact that the administration chiefs are to be masters of their callings. A business man for the business department, a statesman for the state, and a worrior for the war department. Mr. McKinley certainly has an idea to the general fitness of things. The selections up to date could not be bettered.

The Freeman has the good of the Negro race at heart in all of its opinions. It may not suit the views of all its patrons, but we are satisfied that if its columns are closely perused, every article therein will be found on the race's side.

Lynching is on the increase in the country. It certainly looks gloomy for the Negro, but our optimistic faith hopes the cloud will have a silvery lining.

The Cabinet question is very nearly settled. The Washington Post has made a reputation of a kind if it did not "start anything."

Personal abuse never did arise to the dignity of argument.

Wedding of a Man of God.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

Rev. W. P. Greer, pastor of the C. M. E church here, was quietly married on the 25th, ult., to Miss Miller, of Mckenzie, Tenn. They will make Dyersburg their future home. Dr. A. D. Greenlee has a large practice around and about Dyersburg. Many colored people have died this winter with lagrippe, Wm. Alston, a young Baptist preacher, eloped with Frank Barnett's wife, Jane Barnett, and has not been heard of. Mrs. Barnett left three children with her husband. The dear old Freeman is a welcome and cheerful visitor of our family. The paper can be secured from L. J. Barnes or Henry Barnett at $1 a year.

HON. J. M H. GRAHAM,

Of Clarksville, Tenn., the only colored member of the Tennessee Legislature, who was recently unseated by that august assemblage.

ENSUING APRIL ELECTION.

An Effort to Oust Wm. H. Morgan, of the City School—Wedding in High Life—Surprise Party—Notes.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The Seventy-first General Assembly of the state of Ohio passed a law extending the term of office of the members of the Board of Legislation and Board of Education to April, 1897, thereby making spring elections in our city tri-ennial, as the new charter now governing our city provides for the election of the mayor, city auditor, judges of superior and police courts, corporation counsel, etc , every three years. This will add great interest to our April election this spring. Already the political pot is beginning to show signs of reaching boiling point. The election promises to be of special interest to the Afro-American, as there will be a combined effort on bis part to oust Wm. H. Morgan, the present head of the city schools, who has seen fit to declare that as long as he is Superintendent no person with "colored blood" shall ever be appointed to teach in a white or mixed school. The legislature also gave to the women of this state the right to vote and be voted for, members of the Board of Education. Organizations are being effected in each of the wards in the city to get out all our women to register that they may assist in the accomplishment of this end.

W. H. Brown, the recently appointed court bailiff in Judge Murphy's court, will assume the duties of his office next Tuesday. Miss Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs. S. W. Clark, was buried from Allen Temple last Sabbath afternoon. She had been ill for some months. The family have the sympathy of their many friends. Prof. Chas. Jones, of the branch school on Seventh street, died last Friday at his home very suddenly. He was buried Sunday. Mme. Rumor has it that Miss Ida M. Liverpool, a most estimable society lady of our city, will be led to the hymeneal altar by a prominent New Jersey gentleman soon. Rev. J. M. Townsend, pastor of Allen Temple, is rapidly growing in popularity among the citizens. He is conducting a revival which has added 75 souls to his church. The Cincinnati Advocate, a new enterprise in race journalism, made its appearance last Wednesday. It is a neat, clean seven column quarto. Its editor, C. D. Horner, is an old newspaper man of much ability. Capt. Ford Stith, who for some time has been very low with Brights disease, is mending slowly. Miss Eugene Griffin, of Dayton, is the guest of Mrs. L. H. Wilson. Miss Sarah Rainey, a belle of the Blue Grass regions, is the guest of Miss Anna Price, of Covington, Ky. Miss Gertrude Hart was surprised by a number of friends last week at the residence of her parents. An enjoyable evening was spent. Miss Cora Turner is convalescent. The Ruffin Club, the oldest and most prominent political club in the city, will hold its annual election Feb. 22d. There are several who aspire to be president, which promises to make an exceedingly interesting fight. President Sam B. Hill has appointed ten delegates to attend the Ohio Republican League. The Freeman is the best edited journal of the race and should have 500 subscribers in our city at the low rate of one dollar a year. Subscribe at once.

Cupid on the Wing.

Columbus, O., Special.

Mrs. Rosa Shism of Lafayette street is very ill. Mrs. Webster of Australia street had a narrow escape from lockjaw by running a nail through her foot. Felix Early dropped dead at his home in Elm street. George Williams died on the 31st. Mrs. E. Jackson of Long street is improving. The Afro-American League of Franklin county will hold a convention in this city to indorse some one as a candidate for the legislature. W. Ballard was successful in getting the position as messenger in the office of state auditor. Nelson Tate was married to Miss Lucy Randolph in Mound street Monday evening. At the home of the bride, Rev. W. J. Johnson pronounced James Bowles and Miss Lillian Quigley husband and wife. The couple left for Piqua, where they will make their future home. W. McPhe son, who was injured about a year ago, has sued his employer for $5,000 damages. His case is being handled by J. L. Curtis. Thomas Graves of Hilliard has opened a barber shop here. Capt. Ned Brown is on the sick list. If you can't buy a Freeman, call on "Uncle John," who presides over Tony Scott's hot bean counter, and he or Col. Sam Shelton will give you one. Also for sale at Washington's barber shop.

A Valentine Entertainment.

Springfield, Ill., Special.

The pride of Springfield Tabernacle will give a Masquerade and Valentine entertainment on the 16th inst., at Masonic hall. We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bell, of N. Second street. John Robinson, of East St. Louis, has accepted a position under Secretary of State Jas. A. Rose. Miss Angie West, of Duquoin, has arrived in Springfield, and will make this her future home. Rev Levi J. Johnson, of Beechwood, preached at St. John A. M. E. church last Sunday. Miss Prudence Rogan, of Decatur, who has been visiting her sister, has returned to her home. The St. Paul Sewing Circle will give a grand drill in the near future. The funeral of Mrs. K. Tabron occurred Monday, the 7th, at the Evangelical Luthern church, the Rev. Hatsor officiating. The Freeman is for sale every Saturday by Clarence Parker.

Logansport News.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

The revival meeting at the A. M. E church under the leadership of L. W. Pettiford is again in progress. Elder Thompson was with Eld. Pettiford. He did great work for the Kingdom. On the sick list. Mrs. Jannett Jones, Mrs. L. W. Pettiford, Mrs. A. J. Allen. Geo. Hill has accepted a position at H. B. Turner's barber shop. Mrs. Jane Garrison is taking care of Mrs. Barry. Mrs. Kate Turner, our hair dresser is doing a fine business. A. J. Allen has been on the sick list.

A Successful Revival.

Edinburg, Ind., Special.

The revival services which were being held by the First Baptist church at Edinburg for the past two weeks closed Sunday night. Rev. R. D. Leonard of Indianapolis, had charge of the meeting. Miss Mary Ousley of Indianapolis spent Sunday in Edinburg. Misses Alice and Anna Owens and their brother Lee, attended the revival meetings at Edinburg Sunday. Miss Julia Martin of Irvington, spent Sunday with friends. Rev. Joseph McQueen of Flat Rock, took quite an active part in the revival services at Edinburg Sunday night.

GLAD HE IS LEFT TO TELL

THE TALE OF HIS MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

A Michigan Man Offers to send his Discovery Free—Claims to be a Benefactor to Weakened Mankind —Free Cure for Men.

A citizen of Marshall, Mich., believes he has solved the problem as to whether life is worth the struggle. In his own particular case there is no doubt but what he is glad to be alive, and the secret of it he agrees to send free to any man who will take the trouble to write for it. From his statement it appears that for many years he suffered with extreme nervousness brought on by circumstances that happened before reaching an age when men are supposed to know what they are doing and to measure the consequence thereof.

Like many others, he tried the various remedies offered by specialists for the treatment of weakness peculiar to men and it was this experience that drove him to a little study and research for his own benefit. He asserts that his 10 years suffering, both mentally and physically, was turned to unbounded joy in a single night through a rare combination of medicines that literally made him young again It is the prescription of this discovery that his enthusiasm that leads him to offer free to any man, young or old, who feels that his animation or the fire of ambition has left him and needs something that will not only brace him up and enable him to be prepared for any undertaking which may present itself, but will restore the parts to their original size and vigor. There is no question but what in his individual case the results were just as described and it seems quite probable that any man who believes himself to be weak, may profit by sending for this free prescription. Many people wonder how he can afford to send this prescription free, but it costs him but little to do so and he feels a philantropic interest in giving weak men an opportunity to cure themselves. A request to G. B. Wright, music dealer, box 1266. Marshall, Mich., for his free prescription will be promptly and privately complied with.

A QUADRENNIAL DISPUTE.

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single colored Republican member of the South Carolina legislature for United States Senator. Mr. Murray is a full-fledged member of the present Congress, and a contestant for a seat in the next House. He has been assigned to two important committees, education and expenditures in the Treasury Department. Mr. Murray has in preparation a bill to relieve the deplorable condition of the Negro in various parts of the country, and meetings are being held by prominent citizens here to arouse interest and to secure earnest co-operation.

Freedmen's Hospital promises to be a bone of contention. Dr. D. H. Williams has made a capable and popular Surgeon-in-Chief, and by executive order, is said to be under the protection of the civil service rules. Political considerations may have their effect, and Dr. Williams may feel called upon to yield their weight. Among those most prominently mentioned for the succession are Drs J. R. Francis, F. J. Shadd, C B. Purvis, of the District and Dr. R. F. Boyd of Tennessee. Dr. Williams has made some recommendations of striking nature, which we shall consider at another time.

The redoubtable Col. Perry Carson has landed into a good thing, and he didn't wait for the administration to change either. He has a $3.20 per day berth in the Health Office, and is likly to hold it indefinitely. No man in the District of Columbia has more enthusiastic friends than Col. Carson regardless of party and his success demonstrates that broadmindedness and liberality toward his brethren of opposite faith, is superior to bigoted partisanship as a winning card. This will not be a good year for the blatant blatherskite.

R. W. THOMPSON,

January 30, '97.

A General Call.

To all Grand Commanderies of Knight Templars wherever dispersed throughout the United States, greetings: Believing that one common cause animates us, and one common impulse stirs to battle for truth, justice and humanity, and that the common welfare of all Templarhood would be advanced by a general union, therefore, we, representing the United Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri and jurisdiction, do issue a call to all Grand Commanderies and their representatives to meet in the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, on Monday the 22nd day of February, 1897, then and there to take steps preliminary and pursuant to the formation of a General Grand Encampment for the United States. In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of the United Grand Commandery this 15th day of January, A. D., 1897, A. O. 778.

Chas. W. Prentice, R. E. G. Commander.
Attest: O. M. Wood, Grand Recorder.

Montreal News, Notes.

Montreal, Canada, Special.

A most delightful affair was the sleighing party last Wednesday evening under the management Mr. C. Perkins, given in honor of Miss Lillia Meddley of Quebec. Richard Small e of Detroit, Mich., is here with the anticipation of opening a bicycle school. The report concerning Mr. Geo. Lions illness was a mistake. He was quite ill but not insane. Robert DePreist of Boston, was circulating among friends last week. Mrs. Crutchfield and little daughter of Chicago, Ill., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Beard. [illegible] David Mason, after two weeks illness, is able to be [illegible]. Miss Mary Woods is on the [illegible] list. The death of Mr. Joseph Shoeman was a sad surprise. Robert Brooks and Rev. John Brown are out again after several weeks illness. Samuel Barbee who was injured in the wreck last week is now confined to the Victoria Hospital. Jas. Harris and Geo. Paris were in the city this week. There will be a series of entertainments in honor of the visiting ladies during the following month.

An Interesting Song Service.

Hamilton, O., Special.

Mr. Hackley, of Lima, O., spent Sunday in Hamilton visiting friends. Rev. Coleman will issue a church paper called the Herald. Quite an interesting song service was held at Payne Chapel A M E. church Sunday evening. Several souls have been united to the church since the revival, and still the good work goes on. Mrs. Jones is very ill.

Lew Johnson's Refined Minstrels are still doing well in California.

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Miss Zoe Ball, of Sam T. Jack's Creoles is quite ill.

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Misses Mary Lee, Maggie Gaines and Florence Henry closed with Sam T. Jack's Creoles, at Boston, Mass.

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The Colored Extravaganza company are booked to appear at Frankfort, Ind., February 10.

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Katie Carter, the "dancing wonder', is with South Before the War company No. 2.

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Mat Gayten and John Tolliver are the funmakers with the Colored Extravaganza company.

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Harry A. Singleton and Maj. B. F. Payne's Colored Attractions are being booked for the summer season.

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The Andersons—Jim and Joe—the Cape Town comedians, are with Payne & Singleton's Colored Attractions.

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Charles Poole, basso, closed with the South Before the War company, at Indianapolis, Jan. 27.

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Pearl Woods, the serpentine dancer, is one of the new features with Sam T. Jack's Creoles, and is scoring an unlimited amount of applause nighty.

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The Diamond Quartette—Jas. Hood, Edw. LaForce, I. N. Smith and J. Ed. Green closed with South Before the War company at Bucyrus, O., Dec. 28.

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Neil Moore, jr., stage director, with Richard & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels, is the author of "Lucy's Lawn Party," which is being produced nightly with much success.

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Black Carl, the "Man of Mystery" with Sam T. Jack's Creoles, was highly entertained by friends, during the engagement at Boston, Mass.

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Mrs. S. Carter, pianist, with the Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra, after a severe illness, has joined the company again.

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Jennie Yeamans has adopted a colored baby. It is the child of a maid employed by Miss Yeamans for several years, whose husband died a short time ago.

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The sensation of the 19th century is "Wash-day in Music-ville," a strictly novel and up-to-date musical act, originated and produced with howling success by the boys who think for themselves, Hillman & Perrin, enroute with Richards & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels.

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The Colored Extravaganza company made their initial appearance at Empire Theatre, Indianapolis, Jan. 28-30. to fair business. The company is headed by J. W. Hunter and Mme. Leota Harris Blackburn, assisted by Jas. Brown, Annabel Davis, Anna Carter, Emma Fields, John Tolliver, Sam Cooke, Mat Gayten, Goodall Bros., and others.

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Miss Irene Hart, formerly maid to the late Kate Castleton, died at her home in Chicago, on the 10th ult. She will be remembered as the "Black Kate Castleton," having appeared with Sam T. Jack's Creoles in Chicago. Miss Hart was for six seasons a worthy maid to Miss Castleton. She leaves a daughter, sister and mother. Miss Hart was engaged to be married to Black Carl, of Sam T. Jack's Creoles, at the close of the present season.

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The Black Patti says: "In Europe there is no prejudice against my race. It matters not to them in what garb an artist come, so he be an artist. If a man or a woman is a great actor, or a great musician, or a great singer, they will extend a warm welcome, no matter whether he be Jew or Greek or Gentile. It is the artist soul they look at there, not the color of his skin."

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Sam T. Jack's Creoles broke the record at the Palace Theatre, Boston, last week; in spite of terrific snow storms the house was packed each night. Owing to the illness of Miss Ball, Mrs. Geo. Wilson is singing Josephine very creditably. Miss Birdie Allen is doing Little Buttercup admirably. James Grundy is scoring quite a big hit with his solo dancing in the "Soiree." Dick Miner is very funny in his banjo act. Mr. Barrett, basso, joined the company at Patterson, N. J.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are again in Pennsylvania and doing a splendid business, having just finished a short tour of the South. They were credited in Havre-de-Grace, Md., Wilmington. Del., Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C., with being the finest jubilee company having visited those places; their orchestra and soloists receiving special mention. Return dates were asked for but as they had special engagements in the eastern states they were unable to accept.

Grand Masters Address.

Augusta, Ark., Special.

M. A. Clark, the state grand master made his annual visit Jan. 20th., and lectured on Masonry at the St. Luke Baptist church. After which a reception was given by the Masonic brethren where refreshments were served in abundance. Mr. M. C. Clark was accompanied to the table by W. M. and Mrs. Edwards, after which thanks were rendered by the G. M. While in the city Mr. Clark stopped with Mrs. Jones. W. R. Peen has gone to North Little Rock to spend the winter. Garfield Wells of Edmondson, who has been visiting his brother, H. C. Wells has returned. Miss Marshall Harris who has been visiting Mrs. Boone, has returned home, to Surrounded Hill, Ark. Miss Lettie James of Fitchems, is in the city. She is stopping with Mrs. Julia Hinkston. Dr. Munday, pastor of the A. M. E. church, this place, has returned home on account of sickness.

Church News and Notes.

Huntsville, Tex., Special.

The Odd Fellows are erecting a hall in the West End. The First Baptist church is building again. Rev. Wilhite of the A. M. E. church, has returned to his work after a weeks absence. Miss L. P. D. Ashe was called home to Galveston, last Friday morning to the bedside of her sister, Miss Inez who is expected to die. Rev. J. W. Jackson pastor of St. James M. E. church, began his pentecostal meeting Saturday night. The M. E. Sunday school was very largely attended last Sunday of which Mrs. S. V. Culbouth taught the Bible class. John W. Strickland, class No. 2; Mrs. Laura Anderson, class No. 3; and Mother Carter class No. 4. John Strickland and class won both prizes in the Sunday school last Sunday viz., the Sunday school banner for the best collection and the teacher in describing the Charter Leaf. Mr. Strickland has a host of friends here both black and white, having been president of the Willing Workers Club since it first organized. Mrs. S. M Crawford who has been ill is recovering.

A Grand Lecture.

Greenville, Miss., Special.

Carter's book store is the place where our people buy their books. Mr. Carter is an Afro-American. Our city schools are doing well. Children are coming in very rapidly and seem to know that only four months of the session yet remains. The Gipson case is still agitating public opinion. This is the case in which John Gipson a colored man has been sentenced upon four different occasions. The death penalty being inflicted upon each occasion and now comes our U. S. Supreme Court and says that the state courts are sustained and the state courts say that Gipson must hang on the 19th day of February of this year. Lawyer Jones has again taken an appeal.

The lecture delivered by Miss Lizzie C. Williams, the principal of our city school, on Thursday night Jan. 20th, was excellent. The people of Greenville assembled at St. Matthews A. M. E. church to hear a lecture from Miss L. C. Williams, upon the "Present and Future condition of the Colored people." Miss Williams handled her subject with grace and elegance, and showed that her subject was sufficient to give her inspiration. She has been principal of our city school for six years.

Tuscumbia News Notes

Tuscumbia. Ala., Special.

The city has been beautifully covered with snow for the past few days. It was the first snow this winter in North Alabama. Rev. Sensabough preached two very able sermons Sunday Jan. 24th. He is an up-to-date theologian. Tuscumbia has recently had a number of visitors. The McCabe and Young's Black Trilby, assisted by Misses Julia Meredith, C. N. Ross, M. F. Ross, A. E. Fountaine. H. R Ross, of our city, gave a highly and creditable entertainment in the Wilson Hall on the 27th and 28th. Miss Julia Meredith rendered excellent music for the occasion. She is organist in the A. M. E. church. Miss Cora Eggleston of Cave Springs was in the city on the 30th. Presiding Elder Thomas and Rev. T. Burkhalter, pastor of the C. M. E. church, of this city, visited and spoke to the city school on the 29th. They gave instructive talks, and expressed themselves as being well pleased with the work of the school. There are enrolled 120 pupils at present, and the number is swelling. Rev. W. E. Northcross, pastor of the Baptist church is doing good work. The 28th was examination day in the colored city school. Miss L. K. Brown led the ninth grade class having an average of 96 3 7. The seventh grade was led by Miss N. C. Stephens with an average of 97 4 7. George Brown led the sixth grade with an average of 92 5 7. The examination was very good from the model through the high school department.

IN SACK-CLOTH AND ASHES.

Concluded From First Page.

Power Co., he receives $150 per month. He is charitable, a lover of his race and its enterprises, a scholar and master of his profession. His family circle is a refined one, and each Sunday finds them seated in the family pew at St. Paul's A. M. E. church.

W M. Allen, Central's literary orator, has entered upon a new departure. He is now an ardent advocate of the ladies, championing their cause in and out of literary circles. Something must be in the wind. What is it? It is whispered that he is seeking a partner from the gentler sex. Look well before leaping for you may have oratorical contests in your domestic circle.

Messrs Morrison and Miller of the American Eagle, called at The Freeman office during the week and got some pointers on journalism. We are always glad to give information upon anything in our line. Call again, gentlemen.

Rev. Monroe McLendon of the A. M. E. Zion church, was at our office a few days hence, and challenged your correspondent to an open discussion on the Sabbath question. The gentleman is a scholar, having studied at Baltimore, Md., for the priesthood, but in consequence of his views on church polity, was ex-communicated. He is an ardent advocate of the Seventh Day Adventist doctrine, but your correspondent will give him a good fight and maintain the Sabbath of the Christian dispensation.

Politicians in St. Louis are on the quivive, as is also your correspondent. Many plots are being made by the curb-stone politicians and grafters for the coming spring election. I am on to the game—know more than is anticipated and at the right time will explode the necessary bomb Subsequent thereto we will convey our grafters and curb-stoners to the political cemetery and inscribe on their tombs "Requiscat in pace"

A. H. Harwell has been appointed as janitor at the new City Hall. Mr. Harwell is a worthy young man, an earnest worker in the Republican party, and a man of broad and liberal views.

Frank Johnson, 2213 Morgan street, departed this life Jan. 25th and leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss. He was fifty-three years old, and had been for twelve years employed at the Boatmen's Bank, and was highly respected by the officers of that institution. The clerks immediately upon learning of his demise raised a collection of $45 which sum was forwarded to his widow by Dudley Russell. The deceased was a member of many secret organizations, prominent among which is the G. U. O. of O. F. He was buried from Central Baptist church Thursday the 28 ult. Rev. J. L. Cohron preached the funeral sermon and the descriptive life of the deceased showed him to be a christian man, and beloved by all who ever knew him. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathies of his many friends and acquaintances.

G. W. Lane, for years an employe of the Pullman service, is now a city salesman for the well-known shoe firm of Dreiling and Schiermann, 1225 Franklin avenue. We trust that other firms will fall in line and give our worthy young men and women positions.

Your correspondent is compelled to call the society young ladies' attention to the slang word "Nit," which is so often used by them. A young woman lowers herself in the estimation of men by the frequent use of slang, and apart from that it is a bad habit to fall into. Such language is only fit for women of the demi-monde, and not for the future mother of our country. I sincerely trust, young ladies, that you will cease this habit, and accept the advice given in good faith.

Among the many barber shops in our community, Cravens in Fifteenth street, and Stephens and Adams, 2809 Manchester avenue, certainly demands commendation for cleanliness, and being void of the regular loafing gang which make barber shops their headquarters, and by so doing keep away respectable patronage. These gentlemen have the good will of The Freeman and the general public for their exception to the general rule of barber shops. Keep loiterers out of your business places—success will be yours.

Mrs. Mattie Dodge, wife of Charles Dodge, proprietor of The American Eagle, has been very ill, but through the kind attention of her husband, and the constant vigilance of her sister, Miss Wilhelmina Tate, she is now convalescent. Their pretty little home in Garfield avenue was closed to visitors last week, but we trust it will again soon be open to their friends.

All Saints P. E. church began a series of entertainments last Friday evening by presenting a comedy entitled, "A Quiet Family," and operatta, "Circumstances Alter Cases." The cast including J. W. Grant and Miss Edith R. Mason, daughter of the rector, is a strong one and merits commendation. Mrs. J. O. W. Alexander, formerly of Little Rock, Ark., as pianist, can not be excelled as a musicians. St. Louis can now boast of good actors and musicians.

A reception was tendered Mrs S W. Wilson at 2306 Franklin avenue last Friday evening by a party of friends, and an enjoyable time was spent. Refreshments of the season were served in abundance.

John Warner, an old and respected citizen, departed this life on Friday last and leaves many friends to mourn his loss. He was one of the oldest barbers in St. Louis, and was considered very wealthy.

Mrs. Katie Laury, 2114 Lucas avenue, has been confined to her bed for the past seven weeks, but is now recovering During her illness she was a constant reader of The Freeman and each week lying in her bed she would hail with delight its coming.

Society Doings.

Guthrie, Ky., Special.

The Golden Rule Literary Society, of Avery Chapel A. M. E. church, is progressing nicely. The receptions tendered Rev. Sampson Johnson by the Rossview and Guthrie churches were grand. Dr. E. D. Burns has an attack of the lagrippe. Mr. George L. Cross, is on the sick list, Rev. E. L. Dennis, has resigned the pastorate of Gilfield Baptist church on the account of bad health. The public schools have been closed for the past five days, because of the extreme cold weather. Rev. G. W. Porter and Presiding Elder S. M. Walker, of Clarksville, Tenn., passed through our town last week enroute to Nashville, Tenn., to attend the committee of arrangements for the celebration of African Methodism in Tenn. Mrs. Betsy Davis is visiting her daughter Mrs. Louisa Metcalfe, Clarksville, Tenn. Mrs. L. J. Lockert and Miss Emma Hazel Ross, were the guest of Miss Ollie B. Davis and Mrs. Nannie Battle during the recent Musical Recitals. Any body desiring a Freeman can get it from Miss Lucy M. Davis, or at the office of Dr. E. D. Burns. The Banquets are the next in order, after the "norther" quits.

The Only Colored Member Unseated.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Hon. J. M. H. Graham after making a brave fight to retain his seat in the legislature, has been declared ineligible. Mr. Graham had not resided in this state three years before the election as the law requires; having held positions in Louisville, Ky., where he voted. Mr. A. Moore of South Clarksville, died Jan. 24. Miss Willie Keesee is improving. A law to keep the unrefined Negro from voting is now pending. Gilbert and Baggett, white, have made the race for the vacant seat of Graham. An Egyptian preacher arrived in this city on Jan. 30th and preached at St. Peters A. M. E. church on the 31st. J. W Wheeler has taken out license to preach the holly gospel. Mr. Northwether is improving at his home on Taylor's Hill. W. L. Johnson, The Freeman agent will be glad to furnish customers with all the leading race journals.

New Choir Organized.

Corsicana, Tex., Special.

Bethel A. M. E. church, under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Rankin, D. D., is now progressing admirably. A new choir was recently organized, with Miss A. B. Banes organist, and Sam C. Patterson president. Dr. Rankin is popular here with all classes of our best citizens. Miss Banes is well accomplished in music. Miss Warner of Los Angeles, Cal., is engaged as one of the teachers in the city school. of which Prof. G. W. Jackson is principal. Rev. Dr. Rankin has removed his family from Houston to our city. We welcome them to our circle. The Freeman is much thought of here—we bespeak great success for it in our city. Mrs. L. E. Durham and Mrs. S. C. Dewalt are on the sick list. Rev. J. W. Rankin, Mrs. E. Nichols, Mrs. Annie Jackson, Messers. G. W. Barker, Coleman, Dewalt have all been victims of la grippe. Miss C. E. Baker is an accomplished lady. A live agent in every town or city can make The Freeman a house hold medium for much good.

Died Destitute.

Temple, Tex., Special.

Passenger travel is so dull on the Santa Fe that they have cut off all the train porters. Mrs. Mary Russell died Jan. 23 Billy Spencer is on the sick list. Adeline Collins, formerly of Smithville, died in this city last Saturday in a destitute condition. She was buried at the expense of the city. C. B. Fuller has returned. Abe Davis is visiting in Temple this week. Mrs. E. M. Drayton has returned. Silas Mullen came down from Waco last week. Brook and Epperson have opened a new meat market. S. G. Bridges has a fresh line of groceries. E. M. Drayton made a flying trip to Dallas last week. The Central Cotton Seed Oil Mill closed down last week for the season. There was a necktie social given at the First Baptist church on the 6th. Rev. A. G. Scott has moved his family back to Temple. Dr. L. M. Lindsey has moved to Cameron.

Personal Mention.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

Miss Eva Robbins of Kalamazoo, is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Robbins who is taking treatment at Mrs. Aaron Burnetts. She returned home Jan. 29. Mr. John Robbins made a visit to his wife, who has not walked for a year. Mrs. Belle Weaver has the la grippe Miss Rose Carpenter has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Thomas of Kalamazoo. Mrs. Elsworth Weaver is nursing Mrs. Daniel Roole. Miss Martha Simson has move in the settlement, four miles north.

A New Lodge Set Up.

Bloomington, Ind., Special.

The churches are getting ready for their revivals. There will be a Good Samaritan Lodge set up here soon. At this time there are thirty-five members with prospects for a much larger number Rev. Brown has been laboring very hard for the past two weeks in the various churches in this city; as soon as his work is completed here he will start for Michigan, where he will put this work in order.

The Freeman In Demand.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

Chas. Price has returned home. He attended a theatre party at the residence of Mrs. F. D. Bland. The favorite ones were Mrs. Charlie Teabeass, Misses Katie and Maggie Owens, Mamie Jackson, Messrs. Milton Bland, W. W. Field, Chas. Teaubean, F. D. Bland and wife. Mrs. A. C. Betties is quite sick. Chas. H. Brooks is now District Grand Mentor of Iowa. Rev. Thomas is assisting Rev. Tillman in his revival. Mrs. Phebe Jones is convalescing. Mrs. French Bland is quite sick. Mrs. Hattie Owens gave a five o'clock tea party in honor of Mr. Chas. Price, assisted by Mrs. Wm. Gross, Wednesday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. French Bland. Miss Anna Fields, Miss Maggie and Kattie Owens, Mrs. W. H, Shortridge, Mrs. Minnie Robertson and Mrs C. Teaubean. Subscribe for The Freeman, more copies are called for than the agent can supply, 1216 Morgan street. Willie Johnson is quite sick. Rev. Phillips is a well wisher of The Freeman and is talking its good qualities to his people.

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Personal Mention.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mr. Ridgeley of Cheshire, is in the city. Mrs. Ada Hackley is convalescent Mrs. Rev. Bell of Cassopolis, preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening. Miss Edith Hill will visit Cassopolis this week. Mrs. Bell lectured at the meeting of the W. C. U. Sunday after noon. The Kalamazoo high school building burned down Feb. 1st. John Stewart is on the sick list. Mrs. Green is on the sick list. Miss Francis Bishop is convalescent. Philips Bros. Orchestra furnished music for the pawpaw dance. Revival meetings are being held at the A. M. E. church. Rev. Bell of Detroit will assist this week. Mrs. Mary Archer of Constantine is quite sick. Mrs. Mary Weaver went to Constantine Saturday on business. Sign for The Freeman while the rates are reduced.

Given a Scholarship.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Miss Beatrice Trail braved the cold last week to attend school. Misses Mary Crowell and P. Haskins are among those attending school here. Miss Lillie Davis is making rapid progress with her studies. Miss Mollie Floyd was buried last week. Rev Wm. Nowlin and Miss Alice Terry were married last week. Several of our young men will take the civil service examination next month. Our new county superintendent will examine every teacher thoroughly next spring. Dr R F. Boyd has given a scholarship to the Turner school. T. T. Murray preached at the A. M. E. church last Sunday. William Cowan has been elected president of the Conference Choral class.

Joined for Better or Worse.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

Mrs. Mary Gary has returned from Yazoo City, Miss. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs Joseph Scott. Frank May has returned to Troy, Ala. The A. M. E. choir is progressing nicely Rev. Mrs J. W. Jackson is on the sick list. Subscribe for The Freeman while it is $1 00 a year; after Feb. 15th it will be $1 50. Freddie Harris, son of Clabon Harris, had one of his legs broken last week. The marriage of Yancie Moore and Miss Dillie Bryant, took place at the home of the bride's parents last Sunday evening, Rev. J. W. Jackson, officiating.

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Prof. Dubois' Paper on Illegitimate Births Causes Unfavorable Comment—Our Lack of Scientific Knowledge—Truth Wins.

Lately Prof. Dubois published quotations from authoritative statistics relating to the illegitimate births in the city of Washington. What he published has been frequently published by white writers, and is quite familiar to readers of average intelligence through out the country. Many Afro-Americans of high standing do not read widely nor wisely. There were many of this class who regarded what Prof. Dubois had said as a new slander on the race. They were mistaken in regarding it as new. They are not acting intelligently in speaking of it as slander without making proper investigation. The thoughtful element of white people know very much more about the Afro-American than he knows about himselt. The most thoughtful Afro-American must go to the literature of the whites to obtain any scientific knowledge of the American Negro. The personal observations of the most widely traveled Afro-American can furnish but fragmentary data about the race; to base general conclusions upon such premises is the mistake we have all been making.

We cannot learn very much about the inner life of the race, as an entirety, from race literature. There are but two race papers that are conducted upon the broad principles of independent journalism. Our papers and our public men are not yet, as a rule, willing to be scientific in their consideration of the condition of the race. They labor under the delusion, that the white people know nothing of us save what we tell and that we should tell the good things only. This mistaken notion puts our best men and papers in a false light. The whites, who actually know just about what the inner facts are, mistake the silence of our leaders for a lack of the moral sense and social culture. Only last week I was in the office of the editor of one of the leading magazines of our country and confronted with this question: "Henderson, I followed the expressions of the various conventions and church meetings and see a good many of the Afro-American papers and I discover little that indicates the working of higher ideas relating to social conditions; does this silence mean that even the leading minds of the race are not able to see the needs of the hour?" Possibly I have not quoted correctly but I have given the substance of the query.

The words of Dr. Tucker, of James Bruce, of Ridpath and many others have had very wide circulation in England and America. They have charged upon the race as a whole that which is actually true only of a class. The class of which these charges are true do not know that they have been made. The higher class of our people deny the charges in fiery language and thus fasten upon all what should be believed only of some. Do the whites deny the existence of criminal classes, of paupers, of ignorant people etc., among themselves? If they did we would have a right to say, "Oh well, they are all of an ilk." That is what they say of us. That is why the Jim Crow car makes no distinction between an Afro-American Bishop and a field hand.

Bishop Derrick uttered one of the most valuable of truths when he said to an audience of white people in Arkansas, "A black thug is a thug, a white thug is a thug; a black gentleman is a is a gentleman, a white gentleman is a gentleman: the color of the skin does not make the one or unmake the other; it is fitness and character that make the man. Punish the black thug, punish the white thug; respect the black gentleman, respect the white gentleman. A thug is a thug, black or white; a gentleman is a gentleman regardless of color. There is no black goodness, no white goodness but goodness is goodness and badness is badness."

Nothing more valuable has been uttered by an Afro-American within the decade. There are a great many of our leaders who can understand what the Bishop means but there are hundreds who cannot. Were these truths understood and practiced, race strife would be at an end and all good citizens would be in harmony. So long as our papers and public men constitute themselves the defenders of all vileness with the race and permit themselves to be regarded as of an ilk with the vile, just so long will the race be judged by its lowest instead of its highest products. Preachers are too cowardly to tell persons who crowd to the table with them in public places to go home, take off the cabbaged scented layers of garments and get in a tub of water, but instead sit with them in apparent contentment and seem to be at home. They share the contempt which all refined persons feel toward the dirty. This illustration is capable of very wide use and application. We should not be rude to the ignorant, nor cruel to the unfortunate, nor injudicious in dealing with the vicious but the better element of the race should stand up for that which is true, high and pure.

To denounce Prof. Dubois and call his quotation a slander is simply foolish. To beleive whatever a white writer says about us to be false is utter ignorance. The time has come for us to follow rational methods and to deal with conditions, with actualities. When Bishop Turner sent a bigamist to Africa, Bishop Arnett, and his colleagues, Tanner, Gaines, Wayman all took a stand against it and declared for the high principle. Their words were ignored and I put the issue squarely before the race. What is the result? Truth has triumphed and lately a man of character and ability up to the standard has been selected and sent to Africa with plenty of funds promised and sure to be forth coming. In order to force the adoption of the high stand taken by Secretary Derrick and the Bishops named, it was necessary to wage a long and bitter struggle and invoke the aid of the highest sentiment of the race. This is just the method white people use in church and in state. It is the method the Afro-American should use. To the extent that the white press and pulpit of the south have denounced lynch law to that extent lynching has abated. Until the white press of the south began to speak out, the whole south was held accountable, but now the world knows that there are true men and law respecting white citizens in the South and that the lynchers are of one class and the best citizens of another A white man of the South now has a chance to be respected away from home but before he was regarded as a murderer or as the sympathizer with murderers. This has come about because the better element of Southern whites has asserted itself. Just as we now see that there are some Southern whites who do not sympathize with lynchers, just so we must let the world see that there are some Afro-Americans who do not sympathize with the vicious class.

No doubt in advocating a principle one will somtimes be forced to place himself in antagonism to individuals and will thus incur their enmity. This should lead, not to a compromise of the principle advocated but to caution in making the applications. It is right to denounce adultery but it would not be wise to publish the name of every person guilty of the sin. The duty of the press and the pulpit is to enforce the general principle, it is the duty of society, the church etc., to make the applications. I have never in a single instance given the name of any guilty individual until those in authority have refused to carry out the law. Several times in such cases I have invoked the aid of public sentiment, not against the accused but against those who refused to do their duty.

I would say to the Rev. Mr. Graham who has taken up his pen against Dr. Preston, "If your purpose is to vindicate what you believe to be right, get after Bishop Tanner, Dr. Parks and the Missouri Conference. If you have not got the courage to do this, the best thing is to keep still. Bishop Tanner has given Dr. Preston one of the most important charges in our church, Dr. Parks and the Missouri Conference have declared him worthy." I never got after poor Ridgel; I got right affer Bishop Turner. Brother Graham should pursue the same course if he feels called upon to take a hand. I took part in the African matter because I was a member of the Mission Board. I denounce the fellows who tried to assasinate Preston because the attack upon him was due, not to a principle, but to an effort to defeat a good cause.

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Afro-Americans Progressing.

Editor Freeman:

Please permit me space in your paper to say a few words about this part of the country. The Afro-Americans in these parts are progressing nicely in buying and beautifying homes. Several own large farms and are doing well. Many are schooling their children and preparing them for future usefulness. Prof. M. F. Harris is succeeding nicely as principal of the Columbia High school, while Mrs. H. F. Smith is doing good at the Dickerson school house. Our churches are also doing well. St. Phillip's A. M. E. church under the care of Rev. E. D. Evans is in fine condition. He has a fine set of officers and stewardesses that are standing by him like men and women. The people at large love him and everything bids fair for success. Prof. E. M. Williams in connection with his pastorate is teaching a good school at Cotton Belt. His churches are doing fairly well. St. James A. M. E. church at Texarkana, under the pastoral care of Rev. Wm. Ewing, is almost at its best. He has a fine congregation, a fine choir, and a fine Sunday school. He has received twenty-five or thirty members since conference and everything looks bright for a prosperous year's work. Our district conference meets at Stephens Feb. 17, and a grand time is expected. The Freeman is a welcome visitor to us.

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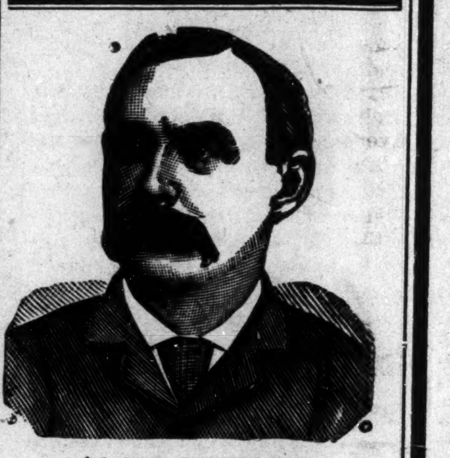

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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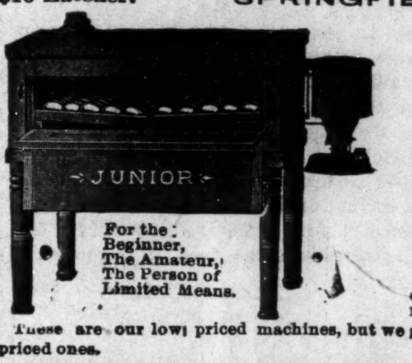

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Summary of the Negro Schools—Address Delivered Before the Courtland Academy on Emancipation Day by Prof. Trenholm.

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—I most heartily appreciate the kind invitation extended me by Prof. H. E. Levi, the worthy president of your academy, to address you upon this occasion. I am glad to be with you in your Emancipation celebration for many reasons. I am always glad to speak to my people, because I am profoundly interested in their civilization and advancement in all the laudable circles of life. We are Negroes and we must do our duty toward lifting ourselves up. Let us help to better the condition of our fellow-men, and by so doing we shall better our own status. The Negro is in this country, and it is his indispensable duty to magnify and make great its institutions and its enterprises. He was in servitude and slavery two hundred and fifty years, and has been a free man three and a third decades only. But in this short period he has demonstrated to the world of civilization that he means to be a man in every sense of the expression and to be loyal to every duty justly imposed. I was not invited here to speak to you upon sundry things, but upon the Negro's progress in education since his elimination from American bondage.

Is the Negro's status the same as it was when God, through Abraham Lincoln and the late war emancipated 4,000,000,000 of Africa's dark sons and daughters? No, his condition has undergone a radical change, and he has found out the true sayings: "There is nothing great in this world but man, and nothing great in man but mind," and that "Books are our household guide," and that "The great of the earth bow down to the genius of literature." Having discovered these things he went to work and proved to be liars those Negro-haters who said that the colored man could not learn any thing. The Negro's progress in education has been, and is, the marvel of the universe, and it will soon go down in history as one of the great wonders of civilization. He has succeeded in mastering every branch of erudition which he has undertaken. No other race among the races of the globe, has made the advancement in letters, in so short a time that the colored race has.

"You may talk about the Negro,
You may name his faults infinite,
But you can not turn a wheel
That a Negro isn't in it."

In 1870 when the ballot was put into the colored people's hands, there were seventy-nine persons out of every hundred who could not read their own names; ten years later, in 1880, there were only seventy out of every hundred who could not read, and in 1890 there were only fifty-six persons out of every hundred who could not read their own names. These figures tell to the world most emphatically, that the Negro is making marked progress in education, gaining twenty-three per cent. in two decades or twenty years. Fifty years hence, at the present rate of progress, there will not be an unlettered or illiterate colored person within the bounds of the United States of America. At the rate of increase in population and in learning, fifty years hence instead of saying 4,000,000 emancipated ignorant Negroes, the world will be heard pronouncing most distinctly 30,000,000 of elevated, cultured, refined and useful Afro-Americans in the United States. Then the Negro will sing:

"Be it high, or be it low,
From the cook pot to the Senate;
There is not a place on earth,
That a Negro isn't in it."

To-day there are nearly 1,500,000 Negro boys and girls who are being taught daily by upwards of 20,000 colored teachers in this country, "The home of the free and the land of the brave" notwithstanding all the common school for the colored youth there are in this country, two hundred institutions standing for higher education for the Afro-American race, all of which are doing remarkable and creditable work. Go into Georgia and there find the Clark University, the Atlanta University the Morris Brown College, the State Industrial school, etc.; in Tenn, you find the great Fisk University, the noted Roger Williams University, the famous Central Tennessee College, the Lane College and a host of others; in Mississippi you will see the Rust University, the Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College, etc.; you will observe in Kentucky the Berea College, the great State University and a number of others; viewing the state of North Carolina, you will find the Biddle University, the Shaw University, the Livingstone College, the Bennett College, etc.; in South Carolina you will see the Allen University, the Clifton University and College of Agriculture and many others; there are to be found in Ohio the noted Wilberforce University and others; in Louisiana you will observe the Leland University, the New Orleans University, the Southern University and the Straight University; in Arkansas there are to be seen the Philander Smith College, the Baptist College and others; you will find in Pennsylvania the Lincoln University and many others; in Virginia you will find the noted Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute and a large number of others; in the District of Columbia you will find the famous Howard College and others, and in our own blessed state, Alabama, you will find the Selma University, the Payne Institute and the Knox Academy at Selma; the Normal Institute and Marion Baptist Academy at Marion; the State Normal school at the capital city; the Talladega College, and the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute at Talladega; the Female College at Anniston; the S. N. and I. school at Tuskegee, of which the noted Prof. B. T. Washington is principal; the Central Alabama Academy, at Huntsville; the Trinity Institute at Athens, and the famous Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes (formerly known as the State Normal and Industrial school) at Normal, of which the great orator and scholar, Prof. W. H. Councill, is principal. So you see with these noted institutions as headlights for the colored boys and girls, the Negro must be moving up the heights of erudition and culture. And now we can truly say:

"Among the sayings of our race,
Suggestive and surprising,
That fill a most exalted place,
Is, tell them we are rising!
Rising to take our place beside
The noble, the aspiring;
With energy and conscience pride,
To the best things we're rising!"

I am glad to say that Alabama is doing more toward giving the Afro-Americans higher education than any other Southern state. She supports two State Normal and Industrial schools and one Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes, and in these three institutions there are upwards of 2,000 Negro boys and girls who are receiving higher education; they are being trained and educated in their three-fold nature—head, heart and hand. Any other kind of education is a failure to the Negro, and is a failure to any other race of the human family. The whole South spends annually more than $6,000,000 for the education of the Negro, for which he should ever be grateful. Ninety-five per cent. of the 20,000 Negro teachers who are instructing the colored youths of this land, were educated in Negro institutions.

There are to-day more than 125 colored newspapers which are being edited and published by the Afro-Americans, and more than 90,000 copies of these papers, in the aggregate, are finding their way each week into the homes of our people. They not only find their entrance into the homes, but they are read with intensified interest. They carry home to our people the thoughts and actions of the Negro brains, which expand, elevate and ennoble the young Afro-American's mind. Our colored newspaper men should be encouraged by every Negro who claims a part in the great African race. The colored newspaper men, the Afro-American school teachers, and the Negro Christian preachers are doing more toward elevating and ennobling the Negro race than all the other professional men aggregated and combined, and the greatest of these three classes of men is the humble colored school teacher.

The Negro has written and published a hundred books of great value, since his escape from American servitude. They rank side by side with those written by white men. Educated philosophers place them upon equal basis, and I presume they know what they are doing. Notwithstanding the one hundred books which he has written and published, it is asserted on good authority that the Negro has published upwards of 350 pamphlets. It has been falsely asserted that the Negro can not write books suited to be used in the schools, but this statement, like all untrue statements, has sunk lower than the deepest depth. Years ago the Greek text books which were written by Prof. W. S. Scarborough, and were adopted to be used in the great Yale College. "Prof. W. S. Scarborough is recognized as a thorough scholar by the world of learned men, and stands out as an unchallenged vindication of the race's ability." The School History of the Negro race in America, which was written by Edward A. Johnson, has recently been adopted to be used in the public schools of several states. It is largely used in the private schools of the United States. The Negro has a few good publishing houses of which he should be proud. The one at Nashville, Tenn., would make any race feel glad. These things tell to the world that the Negro is not standing still. He sees and comprehends that the greatness of all races is measured by their literature.

In conclusion, here are a few things I want my people to lay to heart. Practice them yourselves and teach them to your children: That we must fight to win the prize; that we shall reap as we sow; that "It is better to be slandered than to slander; that "It is better to be wronged than to wrong;" that it is better to be killed than to kill; that neither we nor any other people will be respected until we respect ourselves; that we will never respect ourselves until we have the means to live respectably; that an exceptionally poor and dependent people will be despised by the opulent, and will despise themselves; that you can not make an empty sack stand and support itself; that the colored people can not rise by spending more than they make, and that "Education will be the Negro's guiding star.

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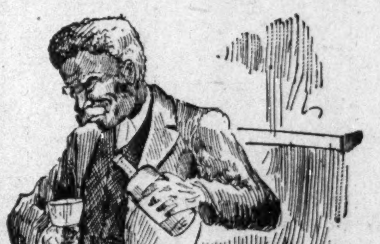

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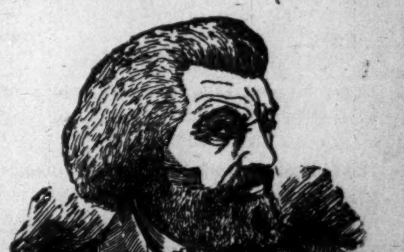

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Hear Amos Bybee from Shakespeare in the "Effort."

Rev. Lynch of Walters Chapel is still indisposed.

The Freeman can be had at the Bates House Barber Shop.

Communion services at Corinthian to-morrow at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Chas. Lanier will be one of the favorites in the "Effort."

George Berry paid his family a brief visit last week in Hosbrook street.

Don't fail to ask your grocer for Parrott and Taggart's Domestic Bread.

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Sidney Puryear, who had a large tumor removed from the region of his heart by the Drs. Furniss, is convalescent.

The "Herculean Usher Board" will take special pains to furnish the best of accommodations to all who attend the "Effort."

Miss Ada Modoc and Mme. McClure have opened a dressmaking parlor at 546 N. Senate avenue.

You will have another chance to listen to the sweetness of Miss Stevenson's voice in the "Effort" at the Ninth Presbyterian, Feb. 15.

Chas. H. Parker, the colored professional paper hanger and interior decorator, will open a first-class wall paper store about March 1.

Hear the seven amateur orators at Walter's Literary Lyceum, Thursday evening, Feb. 11.

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Miss Grace Lucas, whose readings are always superb, will be present with a selection in the "Effort."

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Mrs. Blanch Hill of Anderson will touch the keys of the piano in perfect form at the "Effort" the 15th. This number alone is more than worth the admission fee.

The "Fourth Annual Effort" of the Herculean Club at the Ninth Presbyterian church, Feb. 15, will be the greatest events of the season.

Jas. M. Collins of Anderson, who sways the scepter over the "Basso bench" of that city, will be one of the participants in the "Herculean Effort" at the Ninth Presbyterian Feb. 15.

One of the special numbers on the program will be a duet by Misses Katie Clay and Ethel Nance at the Ninth Presbyterian church Feb. 15.

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Mrs. Chas. Harper, who has a standing welcome before any and all audiences, and who still maintains the first place among the contralto soloists, will appear in the "Effort" at the Ninth Presbyterian Feb. 15.

The West side singers of the Musical Festival meet at the residence of Dr. S. A. Elbert Thursday evenings. W. D Collins, instructor. The East side singers will meet at the residence of Wm, M. Lewis corner of Twentieth and Yandes streets, Wednesday evenings.

Mrs. Harriet Jones, 209 Elm street, is slowly recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. Mesdames Fannie Lanier, Jennie Lewis and Susie Bradford, presiding officers of Chapter No. 11, Leah Court, of which Mrs. Jones is a member, visited her in a body last Friday.

The Indianapolis Literary did not meet on its last meeting night on account of the severe weather. It will meet next Tuesday evening in the Ninth Presbyterian church. The question, "Resolved, That the President Should Recognize the Independence of Cuba," will be debated by two young ladies and two young men. The program also includes a paper by Mrs. Willis Bryant and some solos.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. R. D. Leonard will give a social at her home, 61 Orange street, the 9th.

Mrs. Wm. Brady has returned from a pleasant trip to Southern Kentucky and Tennessee.

Irvin E. Anderson and Miss Bell Thomas were joined in wedlock on the 28th by Rev. Carr at his residence.

Mrs. Ida Johnson entertained at her home in Wood street last Friday in honor of Mrs. Susie Porter of Louisville.

J. A. Sterrett, of New Albany, has opened a dancing school at 184 West Seventh street, which meets every Tuesday night.

Miss Georgia Stevenson and Mabel Churchill are the only colored pupils who will graduate from the Indianapolis High School next Tuesday night.

Sunday Jan. 24, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Moss, occurred the marriage of Joseph Jones of Springfield, O., to Miss Mamie Artist of Rhode Island. The ceremony was performed by Dr. S. A. Elbert in the presence of the family and a few friends.

The social given at the residence of the Misses Dickerson, 390 South State avenue Friday evening of last week by the Willing Workers was a pleasant affair. The club extends many thanks to members of the Tuxedo Club for music furnished.

Methodist Preachers Organize.

The Methodist preachers of this city have organized themselves into an African Methodist Preachers meeting with the following officers: president, Rev. A. L. Murray; vice president, Rev. C. D. Williams; secretary, Rev. L. E. Christy; treasurer, Rev. D A. Graham. The object of the organization is to bring about a more hearty co-operation, and better understanding among the ministers and their following, and the mutual improvement of the former.

Alpha Home Benefitted.

During the past year the Alpha Home Association sent committees to the churches and lodges to solicit, and they have reported the following:

Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church	$20 18
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Corinthian Baptist	8 63
Coburn Street Baptist	1 20
Mt. Zion Baptist	6 84
Vermont Street A. M. E.	9 15
Antioch Baptist	2 30
Tabernacle Baptist	1 00
New Bethel Baptist	8 94
Second Baptist	7 26
South Calvary Baptist	3 12
Friendship Lodge, U. B. F.	2 75
St. John Lodge, U. B. F.	1 00
Daughters of Honor	1 15
American Doves	2 00
Mite Society	1 00

The members of the Association feel very grateful for the hearty support that each one has given them during the past year, which has enabled them to keep the home in better condition, and also to have it improved and painted. There are at present four inmates, two having died the past year.

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An Appeal To The Public.

The Colored Benevolent Society has sent the following letters to the ministers of the city and others. This letter is self-explanatory: "In view of the large number of persons among our poor who are suffering for the necessities, we desire to appeal to you and your friends to assist us in our work of relief. Either money, old clothes, shoes, etc., would be thankfully received and acknowledged by us. We will endeavor to see that everything placed in our hands to carry out this work of relief is distributed only among the worthy poor. We desire to urge every one to do or to give something, if it is only a mite, it may be of great assistance to some poor deserving person. Notify the secretary of the Colored Benevolent Society by telephone of any needy person. Send subscriptions to 92 West New York St.

COLORED BENEVOLENT SOCIETY."

In response to the above appeal the following have each subscribed $1.00: Mrs. G. L. Knox, Mrs. Martha Hall, Mrs. J. T. Taylor, Wm. Collins, Mrs. I. Franklin, Mrs. E. Turner, Mrs. M. J. Wilson, Mrs. Eliza Brown. Old clothing was recived from the members of Allen Chapel.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

We once read that before cooking a rabbit, first catch him. This may seem extravagantly foolish to give utterance to such a remark.

However, there is a homely truth in the foregoing, applicable to numbers of colored citizens throughout the world. In their desire to have "brown stone fronts," they rush wildly on, trying to secure the coveted prize by making small payments. All goes well for awhile—so much so that the house is elegantly furnished on the installment plan, and not until they have failed to make a payment, do they discover the fatal mistake—of cooking the rabbit before catching it.

We do not mean by this to discourage those who are endeavoring to purchase homes—not a bit of it. On the other hand it is intended to aid and create a desire to own homes. We must learn to economize, and not spend lavishly for dress, house-furnishings, dinner and theatre parties that which should go to give us a clear deed to our homes.

"Let the nobleness of your mind impel you to its improvement. You are too strong to be defeated, save by yourselves. Refuse to live merely to eat and sleep. Brutes can do so, but you are men. Resolve to rise—you have but to resolve; nothing can hinder your success if you determine to succeed."

We are again compelled to call attention to the obnoxious habit of our girls using slang and indulging in loud conversation in the streets. Many are guilty of little indiscretions that have a tendency to raise barriers in their social existence. Let our girls aspire to social improvement, thus compelling our young men to place the true value on lovely woman.

A few days ago we dropped in at "Archie's," and while there run across Friend Chappie. He seemed a little awry at first, but warming up to conversation he said: "Lots of chumps in this town, Swampy—that is lots of people who think other people are chumps; they live so nice and look so pretty in their houses of glass, yet are continually throwing stones at brick mansions—strong, sturdy characters; these same people have a wonderful ability to discover motes in the eyes of their neighbor, while their own orbs are black with them."

"Yes, Chappie, it is true—we wonder at the existing circumstances of things in this mundane sphere—why the evildoer prospers, while the saintly one meets with rebuffs and scorn, but do not seek revenge, my boy, for wrongs; don't do it—don't lower yourself to the standard of the one who wronged you—you are far their superior. You must

"Leave base minds to harbor suspicion,
And small ones to trace our defects—
Let ours be a noble ambition,
For base is the mind that suspects.
We none of us know one another,
And oft into error we fall;
Then let us speak well of our brother,
Or speak not of him at all."

OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Services were well attended last Sunday. Our Sunday school is in a flourishing condition. We invite the public to join us.

Willing Workers Club gave a musicale last Friday evening in State avenue. Mrs. H. Alexander and Miss S. Dickerson captains. Supper was served from 8 to 11 p. m. Mrs. S. Alexander and Mrs. J. Redmond also entertained the clubs in Nelson street.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

Rev. Dr. Lawton preached two able sermons Sunday to good congregations.

The Sunday school is very interesting under our excellent superintendent, Dr. Joseph Ward, assisted by an excellent corps of teachers and good musicians. A cornetist and violinist render music each Sabbath.

Rev. W. R. Lawton will discourse on the following themes Sunday: "Idle and Busy Christians," at 11 a. m.; "Coward and Courageous Christians," at 7:45. Public cordially invited.

JONES' TABERNACLE NOTES.

Mrs. Mattie Ruble and Mrs. P. Taylor are on the sick list.

Revival services are being attended with much interest. We are having much success in saving souls, and despite the cold weather we have good congregations. Thirty-four new members have been added.

At the afternoon services last Sunday Miss Taylor took for her text "A Man of God," subject "There is Death in the Pot." If any one doubts her ability to preach, come and hear her. Her text for 11 a. m. to-morrow will be the "Woman Clothed with the Sun."

Rev. C. N. Payne of Duquoin, Ill., has been assisting Rev. J. J. Kennedy and Rev. Wakefield in their meetings. He returned home Thursday.

The funeral of Mrs. Susie Hall was held at this church last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Wakefield officiating

Miss M. E. Taylor, with the pastor and family, have been highly entertained at dinner by Mrs. Julia Cox in New Jersey street; Mrs. Sallie Miller, Blackford street; Mrs. Anna Poole, Wood street; Mrs. Ellen Weathers, North street; Mrs. Mary L. Williams, Center street; Mrs. Hester Grant, Indiana avenue.

Monday night Miss Taylor will preach her last sermon, and by request will take for her subject, "Dry Bones in the Valley."

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH.

This church has recalled Rev. Martin Lyons for pastor for the ensuing year. Preaching every Sunday; hours of services: Preaching 11 a. m. 3 p. m. and half past 7 p. m. We are carrying on revival at present. Sunday school half past 9 a. m., Alva Coleman supt. Needham Green assistant supt. Miss Ella Parks secretary. Two additions during revival. Rev. Reid of Norwood is assisting Rev. Lyons during the meeting.

Mrs. Kathrine Rhim who has been on the sick list for the past three weeks is regaining her health.

The public is invited to our church situated on Harvey street one square East of Shelby street.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Number in attendance at Sunday school 173; collection $2.00.

Rev. P. D. Skinner D. D., preached at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Protracted meeting in progress; 60 accessions.

Chas. Patterson died on the 28th and funeral was preached last Sunday. Grant Johnson died on the 31st; funeral preached last Tuesday by Rev. Carr.

The Orinoco Circle was royally entertained at the residence of Mrs. A. Quinn, 311 Pratt street.

Dr. Skinner D. D. left for his home on the 4th; was much pleased with his visit to the city.

Rev. P. D. Skinner D. D., G. W. Bowman, C. T. Williams and Dr. Carr dined with Miss Mary McColgan and Mrs. Peters in Dougless street on last Wednesday.

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ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Quarterly meeting next Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Pierce is on the sick list.

Eight persons joined the church last Sunday.

Rev. J. H. Fisher of Dublin, preached a very interesting sermon last Sunday evening.

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Rev. Wm. Bowman left last Saturday for Marion Ind., to assist Rev. Wilson in his meeting.

Rev. C. C. Townsend P. E., will preach at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Rev. A. Wakefield the popular pastor of Jones Tabernacle will preach the sacramental sermon at 2:45 p. m.

Pastors and their congregations are cordially invited to come.

George R. Underwood was elected superintendent of the Sunday school, and Milton Benson assistant, at the school board last Friday evening.

The meetings continue with unabated interest.

Amateur Oratorical Contest.

Walters Literary Lyceum has prepared a grand amateur oratorical contest to be held at Walters Chapel next Thursday evening. A nice first and second prize will be awarded the two speakers making the best effort at oratory. Prefatory remarks will be made by Rev. J. R. Cox. The contestants and their subjects are: R. E. Barbour, "The Beauties of Nature;" Jas. Martin, "The Absurdity of War;" Miss Bertie Thompson, "Abraham Lincoln;" Jno. Turnham, "Time Waits for no Man;" Jno. Lewis, "Disadvantages of the Young Negro;" Miss Katherine Stevenson, "What Must we Expect of our Coming Generation;" W. H. Taylor, "Education;" Geo. Walton, "Intemperance;" Three competent judges will decide as to the merits of the speakers. All are invited. Admission free.

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